

First chapel built on the grounds of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Drawing by Miss Juliet B. Peddle, Terre Haute artist and architect.

THE earliest Catholic church in Vigo county was located on the campus of what is now St. Mary-of-the-Woods but was then called Thralls Station. The church was approximately on the site of the Conservatory of Music.

Father Buteux, the first priest, was appointed by Bishop Brute in 1837 to serve a parish which included Terre Haute, Brazil, Sullivan, Montezuma, Merom and in Illinois the North Arm of the Grand Prairie, Paris, Coffeetown and Lawrenceville and the countryside surrounding these towns.

At Thralls Station there were only three or four log cabins. Father Buteux purchased from Joseph Thralls a site twelve rods by twenty-four, for fifteen dollars and erected upon it a small frame church called St. Mary-of-the-Woods by Bishop Brute. Father Buteux lived in a log house and boarded with the Thralls.

This church served until February, 1840, when it was destroyed by fire. Father Buteux had been informed that a group of Sisters of Providence from Ruille, France, were to come to St. Mary-of-the-Woods and establish themselves there later in the year, so because of the need of providing a place for them and the handicap of a depression which followed the panic of 1837 he did not rebuild the church immediately. He got along as best he could for a while using his cabin for the church and also the building that sheltered the sisters.

In 1842 a new church was started but it was not until 1844 that it was dedicated. By this time another priest was in charge of the parish. Father Buteux had resigned in 1841 and was succeeded by the Reverend Anthony Parret who stayed only about a year when he was sent to Washington, Ind.

The church, which is the one illustrated above,

served the community until 1866 when it was razed to make way for buildings of the Institute of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. A new church was erected at that time, where it now stands in the village of St. Mary's. This, with a few changes, is the building we know today.

The church which was completed in 1844 has been described as "a small brick building modeled on the Pantheon of Rome. The structure had no windows in the walls, and the only light was admitted through small half circle windows in the dome. Those who remember it describe it as closely resembling a jail."

No entirely satisfactory picture of this church survives and there are some variations between the existing drawings and descriptions. The accompanying illustration was made from a photograph of what was either a water color or a wash drawing and it shows more detail than the other one, but does not show the "half-circle windows" mentioned in the description. The library and research departments of St. Mary's have been most generous in making any information they have available to me.

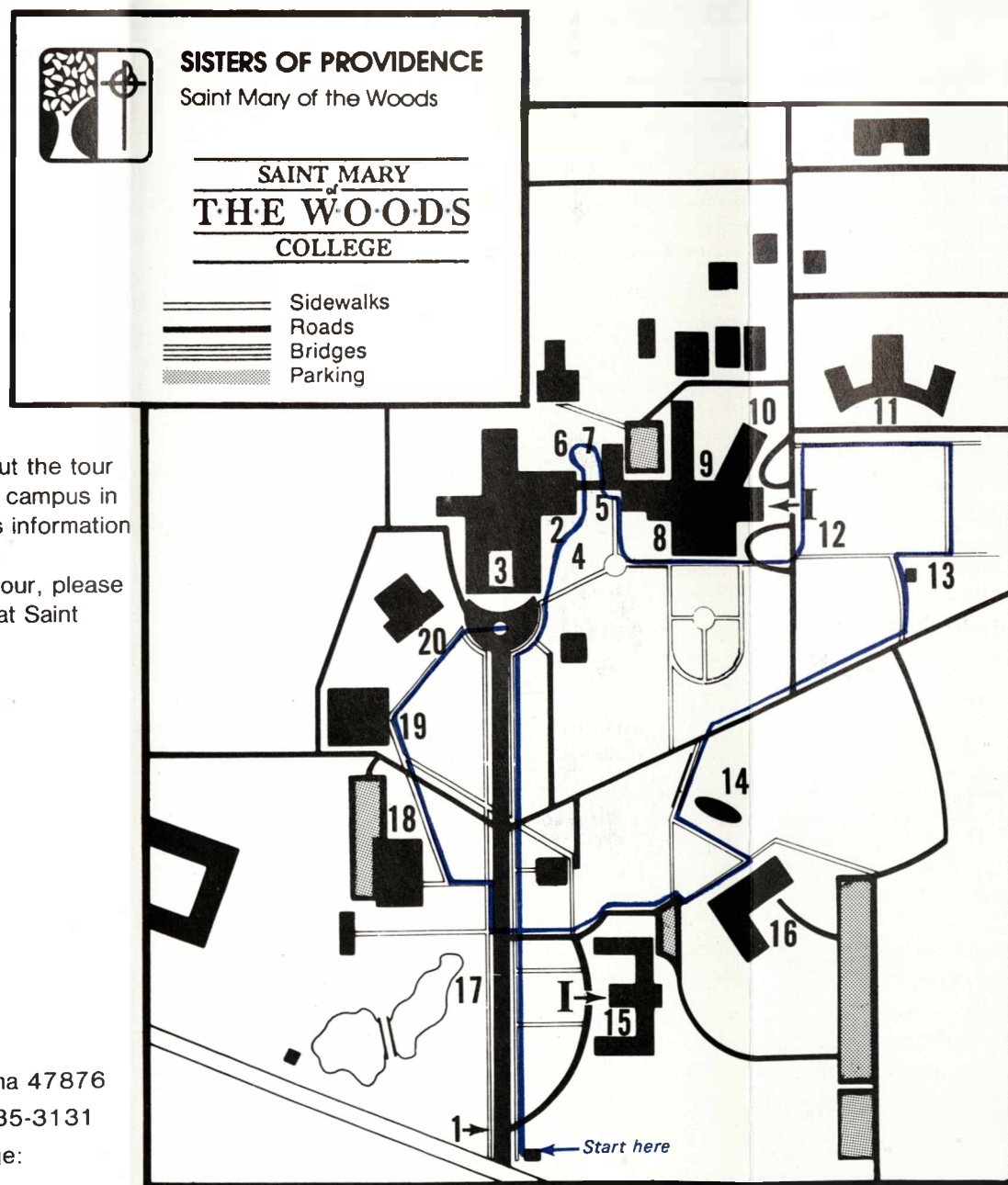
The building is particularly interesting to me because of its style and I should be very much interested to know just why it was selected. In this period and the years that preceded it, it was much more usual to find Greek prototypes used than Roman ones. Thomas Jefferson was one of the few designers of the day who seemed to prefer the Roman characteristics to the Greek, and he also used the Pantheon as his inspiration in the rotunda at the University of Virginia, probably the best known building of this type built during this period. It, however, had windows, which this building and the Roman Pantheon did not.

Welcome to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. To help you better enjoy your walk through the Woods, please note that the numbers on the map correspond to information in the tour on the reverse side of this brochure. The areas highlighted by the blue line are open to the public during daylight hours. However, only the first floor of these buildings is open to the public.

Please note that printed materials are available throughout the tour which explain the history of the campus in more detail. In addition, campus information centers are highlighted by an I.

To schedule a guided group tour, please call the Public Relations Office at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (812) 535-5212.

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1. Main Avenue
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Sacred Heart Province Administrative Offices, Gift Shop, Heritage Area, The Diorama and Mother Theodore Guerin Rooms, Residence for Sisters of Providence
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Student Residence, Unity Chapel, Ballroom, Classrooms, Offices
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Hayes Auditorium, Classrooms, Computer Center, Bookstore, Daycare Center
17. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (1954)
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19. Guerin Hall — (1913) College Administration Offices, Student Residence, Classrooms
20. Conservatory of Music — (1913)
Cecilian Auditorium

I — Information Center location



Take a Walk
in the Woods

Walking Tour of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Take a Walk in the Woods

You are about to embark on a journey. One that will enable you to experience these woods as they stood 150 years ago — yet a journey that will thrust you forward into the ever-changing realm of higher education.

The tradition of a long-established religious community combined with a progressive, modern college community uniquely characterizes Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Your journey with the spirit of the thousands — students, teachers, Sisters of Providence and their friends and families — who have roamed these woods during the past 150 years. Let your spirit explore our past, discover our present and learn of our hopes for the future.

Welcome and enjoy!

The Sisters of Providence

In 1840, Mother Theodore Guerin and five missionaries came to these woods from Ruille, France, invited by the bishop of Vincennes to establish schools sorely needed in the American wilderness. In doing so, Mother Theodore began the American foundation of the Sisters of Providence and an institute of higher learning for women — Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Academy.

From one farmhouse in a thickly wooded forest, that foundation now includes more than 28 buildings and 1,200 acres which comprise

two separate corporations: the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

The daily business of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence is conducted on one side of the campus, while, on the other side, more than 900 students come annually seeking to grow academically, personally and spiritually. Both groups call Saint Mary-of-the-Woods home.



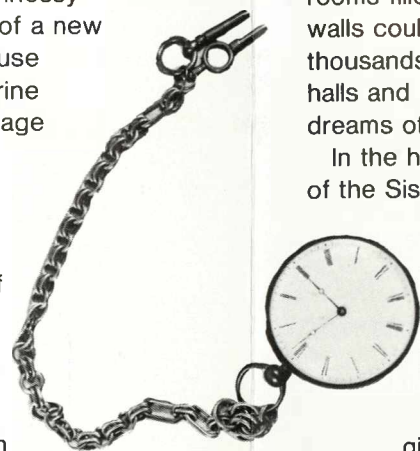
Though your journey could begin at any one of the many historical sights at the Woods, we have chosen to begin at the end of the main **Avenue (1)**, where construction is currently under way on the new **Providence Center (2)**.

Scheduled for completion in January of 1990, plans to establish the Center include the demolition of **Foley Hall (3)**, located at the end of the Avenue; renovation of O'Shaughnessy Dining Room, and construction of a new kitchen and a new facility to house the Our Lady of Providence Shrine and a Sister of Providence heritage area.

Once completed, the Providence Center will be employed as a welcoming facility to friends and interested parties of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

To the east of the main Avenue stands the statue of **Our Lady of the Campus (4)**, beckoning visitors to the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The **Church of the Immaculate Conception (5)** is the focal point of the campus



for both the Sisters of Providence and the College. Seen from a distance, the bell tower of the Italian Renaissance church immediately distinguishes this place as special. It is the conventual church for the Sisters of Providence; it's the daily place of worship for more than 300 Sisters of Providence who live and minister at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods; and it is the gathering place for faculty and students of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College who come to celebrate special occasions.

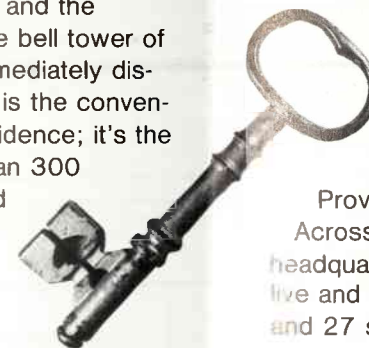
Currently located at the end of the chapel corridor, the **Shrine of Our Lady of Providence (6)** will be moved to a place of prominence in the Providence Center. In 1925, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods was designated as the American headquarters for the confraternity, or devotion of Our Lady of Providence.

The **Blessed Sacrament Chapel (7)**, in keeping with Mother Theodore's wish of honoring Christ present in the Eucharist, is a place for continuous devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The needs of individuals, country and world are placed daily before the Throne of God by the sisters who pray there.

Providence Hall (8), just around the corner from the Church and to the east, is a maze of rooms filled with history, relics and stories. If the walls could only talk, they would tell you of the thousands of sisters who have walked these halls and lived out the struggles, hopes and dreams of religious life.

In the heritage area, hear and view the history of the Sisters of Providence through a tape recording and displayed dioramas. Or travel back to the 1840s and the first days of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods by viewing many artifacts in the Mother Theodore room. Off the east corridor, visit the Sister of Providence gift shop filled with arts and crafts items handmade by the sisters of today.

Connected to and extending from Providence Hall are **Lourdes and Karcher Halls (9, 10)**,



health care facilities offering in-patient and out-patient services to the sisters who have come home to retire. Visitation of individual sisters in these buildings can be arranged at the Information Room in Providence Hall.

Across the road is **Owens Hall (11)**, national headquarters for 800 Sisters of Providence who live and minister in 56 dioceses/archdioceses and 27 states across the United States and in Taiwan.

A jaunt through the extending woods to the east unveils a variety of shrines and places of devotion. The outdoor **Way of the Cross (12)**, found along the walk to the sisters' cemetery, provides a place for quiet meditation.

Saint Anne Shell Chapel (13) is the oldest shrine on campus. It was built in fulfillment of a promise made by Mother Theodore in a severe storm at sea during her return to the United States from France.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (14) was begun in the south ravine in 1918 to fulfill a promise should peace be declared by December 8 of that year. Stones from the Shrine at Lourdes, France, are embedded in the masonry below the feet of the statue. The large rosary of the statue also came from Lourdes.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

Follow the road back through the wooded area toward **Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College** — the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States. The College offers a variety of educational programs and services.

The first building on the Avenue is **Le Fer Hall (15)** — home to many students at the College. Besides being the main residence hall on campus, Le Fer serves as a hub of student activity and houses classrooms, faculty offices, student lounges and a grand ballroom.

Behind Le Fer, the **Science Building (16)** embraces the newest in computer technology to the splendor of visual art. Here, students calculate, create, test and theorize in many classrooms, laboratories, studios and offices. The building also houses the College bookstore.

Across the Avenue from Le Fer is the **Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (17)**, built in honor of the 1950 Marian year. The shrine was made possible through the generosity of the Alumnae Association of the College and other friends of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The statue came from Italy.

Beyond the shrine is the 139,000 volume **Library (18)**, location of the President's Room where the College's rare book collection as well as the Gladys Molony fore-edged book collection are kept. The library also contains the Library Gallery, featuring the work of regional artists.

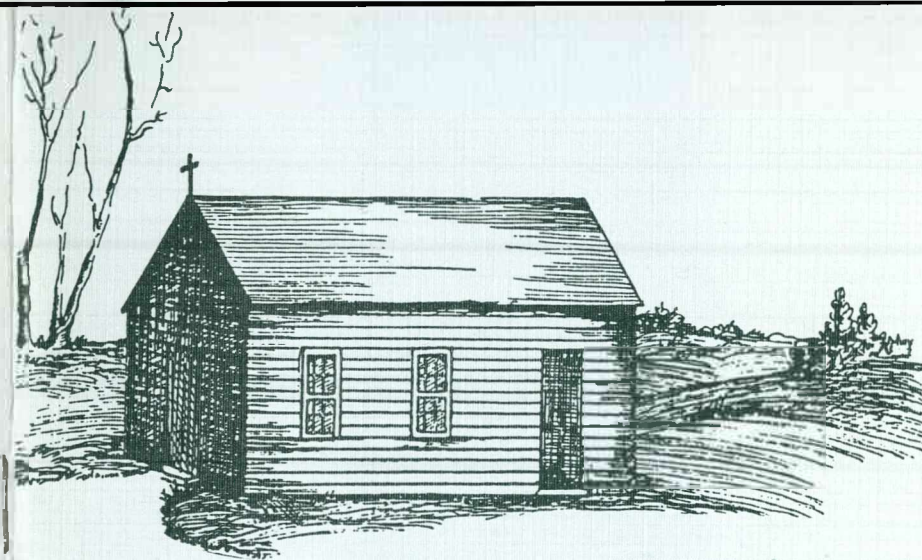
Next door, in **Guerin Hall (19)**, you will find the administrative offices of the College. The building also houses the admissions and alumnae affairs offices. Students reside on the top two floors.

Neighboring Guerin Hall, the **Conservatory of Music (20)** fills the north campus with sounds of piano, violin or flute as students practice for an upcoming recital or concert. The Conservatory is the site for the performing arts and Arts at the Woods series.

Now that you have enjoyed the unique experience that the Woods offers, come often! Experience the changing seasons. Come smell the freshness after a spring shower, listen to the soft summer winds whisper through the trees, see the warm colors of the autumn trees and feel the earth push against your feet as you make clean tracks through a virgin snow.

Your footprint has now marked your own place on our campus. Take the woods with you when you leave knowing you can return at any time.

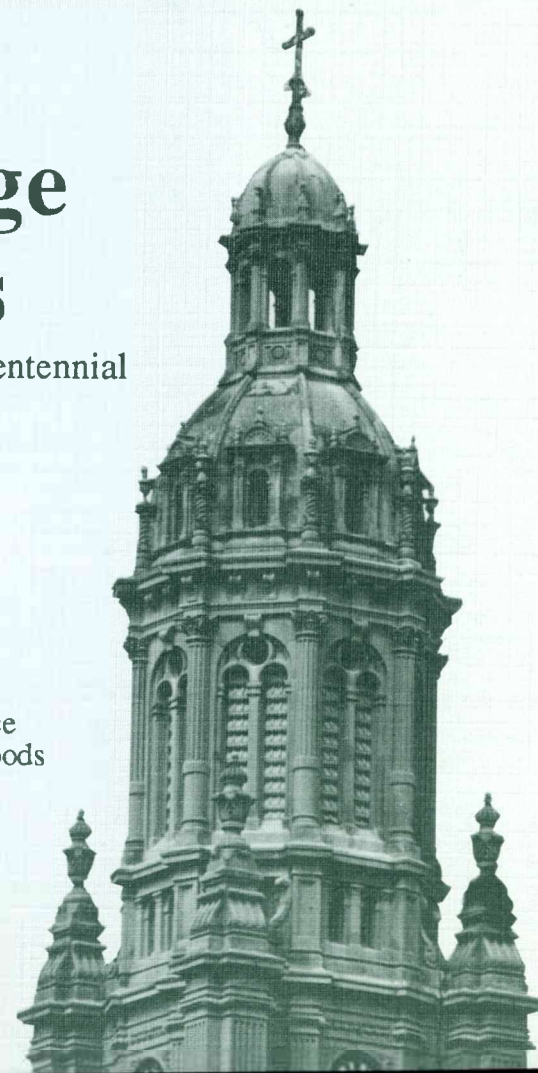
Welcome home



Heritage Walks

Celebrating our Sesquicentennial
1840-1990

Sisters of Providence
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Indiana



Before you go, please note:

Two distinct heritage walks have been prepared for you to take. The first is a more north-eastern route covering the main points of historical significance for the Sisters of Providence. The second walk, a south-western route, includes major buildings of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Both walks begin in the Providence Center. Although there are a few duplications, you are encouraged to take both walks so that you may experience the heritage of the entire campus we call "Home." Also, please note that the dates on each page are groundbreaking dates, not dates of completion.

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—Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the
Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

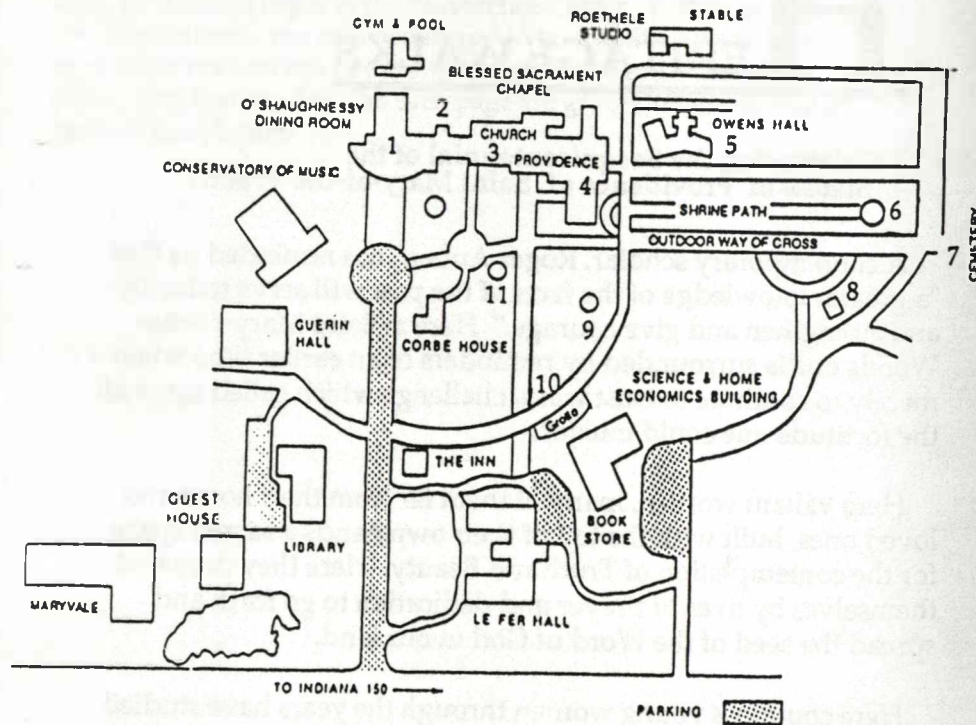
A contemporary scholar, Roger Aubert, has reminded us that "a greater knowledge of the facts of the past will serve to fortify and strengthen and give courage." Here at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods one is surrounded by reminders of an earlier time when merely to continue to exist was a challenge which called upon all the fortitude one could muster.

Here valiant women, many of them far from their home and loved ones, built with the toil of their own hands a sacred space for the contemplation of Truth and Beauty. Here they prepared themselves by lives of prayer and dedication to go forth and spread the seed of the Word of God in our land.

Here countless young women through the years have studied and reflected in preparation for a life of fruitful activity as wives, mothers, professional women—hoping to share with their world some part of what they received here.

All of these women are somehow still here. "To know a place is to deposit your life there," says Father Edward Farrell. "Something of you is invested there forever." As we take the heritage walks, let us be aware of them—they walk these paths with us; they join their voices to our prayers; they welcome us to their Home.

Heritage Walk I



Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Indiana

1. Our Lady of Providence Shrine—1925

The picture of Our Lady of Providence here is a reproduction of the masterpiece by Scipione Pulzoni, commonly called Gaetano. It has been venerated since 1664 in the Church of San Carlo ai Catinari in Rome. In 1925 Monsignor Rawlinson, chaplain of the Sisters of Providence, secured permission to erect the Shrine of Our Lady of Providence in America. Mary is particularly honored here under the title Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home.

† *Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home, protect us and all our loved ones.*

2. Blessed Sacrament Chapel—1920

Devotion to Christ in the Eucharist has been a distinguishing mark of the Sisters of Providence since their foundation in 1840. This chapel, consecrated in 1924, is a place of continual prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Here the Sisters daily keep vigil, praying for the needs of the entire world, and particularly of those who have asked their prayers.

† *Grant to us, O Lord Jesus Christ, an increase of love and gratitude for your special presence here throughout the years.*

7. Cemetery—1864

Here lie in peace more than 1,700 Sisters of Providence. In the older section is a Celtic cross over the grave of Mother Theodore. Its quotation reads: "I sleep, but my heart watches over this house which I have built." A memorial on the north side lists the names of sisters who are buried elsewhere.

† *Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

8. St. Anne Shell Chapel—1876

The oldest shrine on the campus is the St. Anne Chapel. Mother Theodore grew up in a French coastal town, with great devotion to St. Anne, patroness of sailors. During a severe storm at sea as she returned from a trip to France, Mother Theodore promised that if the ship was saved, devotion to St. Anne would be fostered among the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The first chapel was a log structure built in 1843. It was replaced in 1876 with the present chapel. The interior is lined with shells gathered by the sisters from the banks of the Wabash River.

† *Good St. Anne, you have given such motherly protection to your children here at the Woods; we confidently ask for your continued loving care for all God's children.*

9. First Convent—1840

At this spot in 1840 stood a rough farmhouse, home of the Joseph Thralls family. This was to be the sisters' first home in Indiana, one room downstairs and the loft above. Later Bishop de la Hailandière bought the Thralls' home and in 1841 the sisters added two wings. This was to be their motherhouse until 1853.

† *O God, we exalt your ever-watchful Providence which rules all things! We praise and bless your guiding Providence which sustained Mother Theodore and her companions in this woodland home in their years of trial and suffering! Be our resource in all our necessities, for in you we trust.*

10. Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto—1918

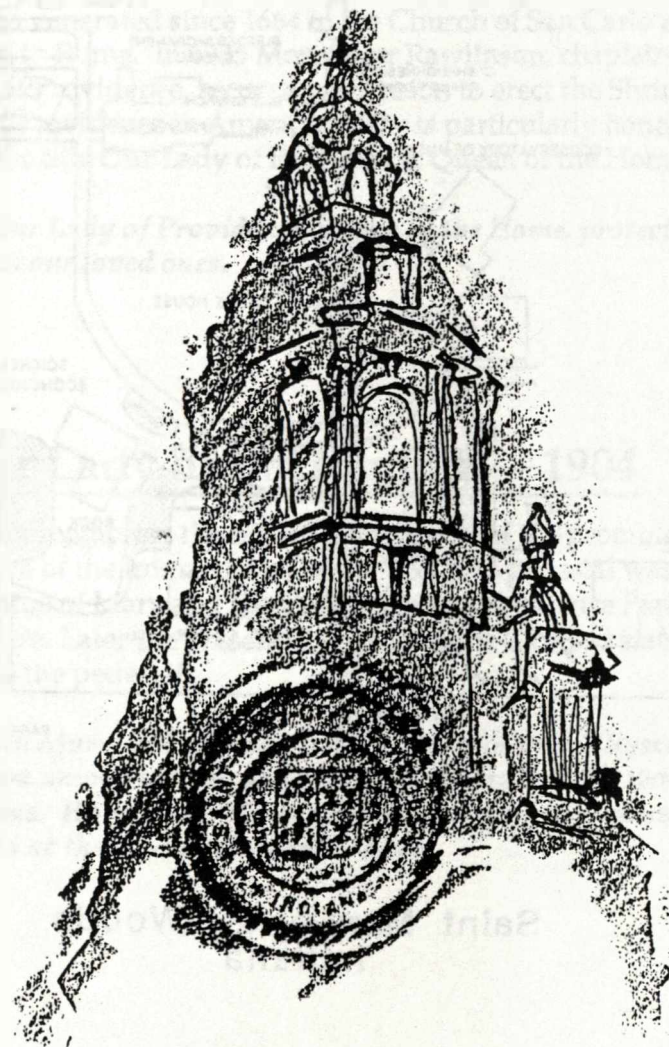
This Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, largest of the outdoor shrines on campus, was promised if World War I would end before December 8, 1918. After the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918, construction of the shrine was begun. It was completed and dedicated on February 11, 1928. The large rosary and stones from Lourdes, France, were used in the construction.

† *Holy Virgin, do not forget the troubles and needs of our world. Turn a look of kindness on those who suffer. Intercede for them and help them to accept courageously the troubles of life.*

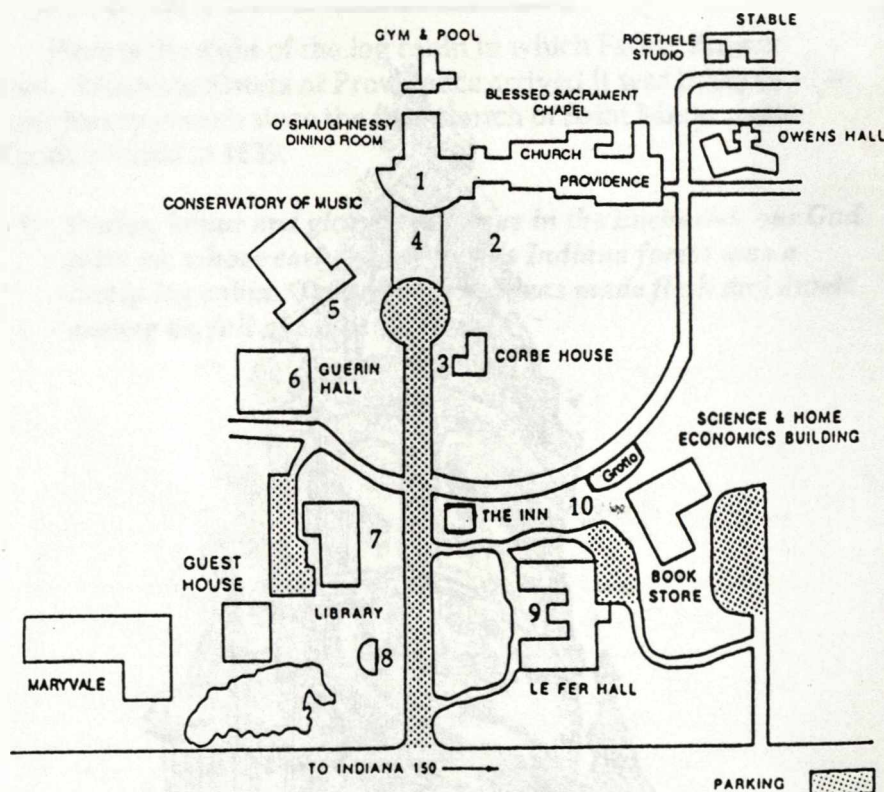
11. Sisters' First Woodland Chapel—1840

Here is the sight of the log cabin in which Father Buteux lived. When the Sisters of Providence arrived it was being used as a temporary church since the first church of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods burned in 1839.

† *Praise, honor and glory be to Jesus in the Eucharist, our God with us, whose early abode in this Indiana forest was a lowly log cabin. Truly, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of endearing love!*



Heritage Walk II



Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Indiana

1. Our Lady of Providence Shrine—1925

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† *Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home, protect us and all our loved ones.*

2. Our Lady of the Campus—1904

To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, this pedestal was erected and a statue of Mary and her Child (now in Providence Park) was placed here. Later the present Our Lady of the Campus statue was moved to the pedestal.

† *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

3. Corbe House—1885

Corbe House, formerly the Chaplains' residence, was built in 1885 on the site of the first rectory built in 1841. It is now a residence for novices and other sisters.

- † *Lord Jesus, bless the Sisters of Providence with an increase of vocations. May the good work begun here many years ago by six valiant women continue into the future.*

4. Site of the first Mass in Vigo County —1837 Site of the first academy —1841

The first Mass in Vigo County was offered on this site in 1837 in a little church called St. Mary. This church was destroyed by fire in 1839. On the same site the first academy opened its doors in 1841. This original building was replaced and the new academy, later called Foley Hall in honor of Mother Mary Cleophas Foley, continued to house pre-college students until the 1930s. Foley Hall was razed in 1989.

Providence Center established on this site in 1989 reflects the integrity of our foundress' legacy to the Woods today—the interacting relationship in the life of the worshipping church and the ministry of education by women in the church.

- † *Lord, may the changes over these 150 years be a symbol of the renewal and growth of all who come together here in God's providential love.*

5. Conservatory of Music—1911

The Conservatory—housing the Cecilian Auditorium which seats 724 persons—was built in Italian Renaissance style. The Conservatory has facilities for lectures, concerts, musical and dramatic productions.

- † *Lord, we praise and thank you for the arts. Through beauty and harmony raise our hearts to you in prayer. Make our lives move to the rhythm that is your will.*

6. Guerin Hall—1911

The Anne Therese Guerin Hall—commonly called Guerin Hall—was named in honor of the foundress of the Sisters of Providence. It houses the major administration offices of the college and is also used as a residence for some students.

- † *Lord Jesus, bless all those dedicated to the profession of teaching. May they further God's Providence through works of love, mercy and justice as they instruct others in their academic pursuits.*

7. Library—1963

The library, built of Bedford limestone, is of contemporary design. The cornerstone was laid in 1963. The President's Room houses rare books dating from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Miniature books and one of the nation's largest collections of fore-edge paintings add to the interest of the room.

- † *Grant us grace, O merciful God, to desire ardently all that is pleasing to you, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully, and to accomplish it perfectly, for the praise and glory of your name.*

8. LeFer Lake—1922 Fatima Shrine—1954

LeFer Lake, originally named St. Clement's Lake, was opened as part of a landscaping plan. A statue of St. Clement can be seen across the lake.

The Fatima group with its statues of Italian marble was dedicated in 1954 in honor of the Marian Year. The shrine was given by the alumnae of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and the Sisters of Providence in honor of Mother Marie Helene Franey.

- † *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us and for our world.*

9. LeFer Hall—1921

LeFer Hall was built in 1921 as a residence for upper-class students of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. It is named for two early Sisters of Providence who came to America from France. Besides rooms for students, it contains lecture rooms, offices and a social hall.

- † *Lord Jesus, guide and direct all women attending Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Enable each one to live those values and lessons taught here.*

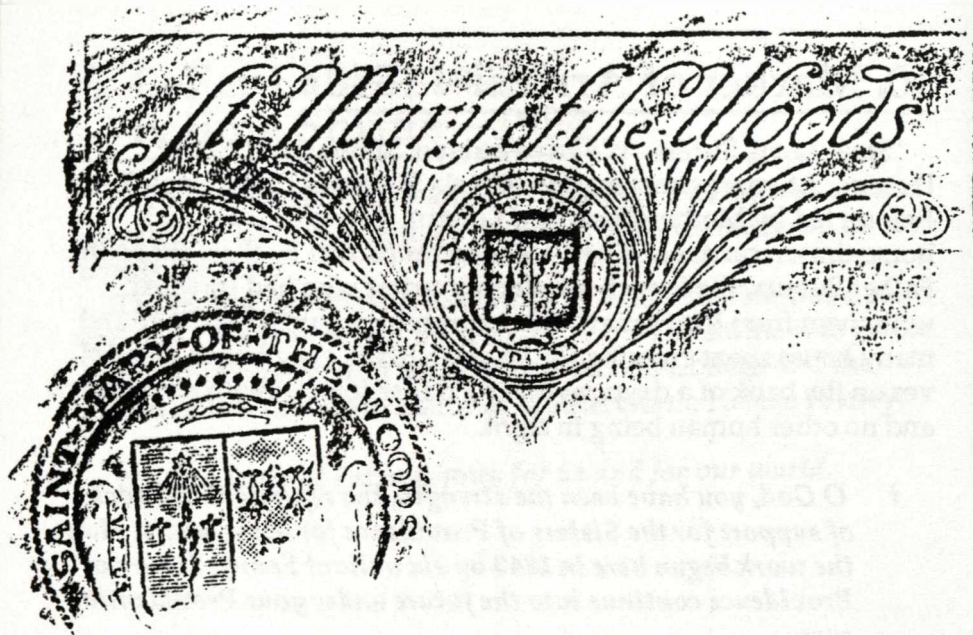
10. Marker of Arrival—1840

"Step down, Sisters. We have arrived," announced Father Buteux. At approximately this spot six Sisters of Providence from France, led by Mother Theodore Guerin, emerged from their horse-drawn carriage. They were accompanied by their chaplain, Father Buteux, the French missionary priest who had traveled with them from Vincennes. After surviving an upset carriage and many hours spent crossing the Wabash River, they found themselves on the bank of a deep ravine in a dense forest—with no house and no other human being in sight.

- † *O God, you have been the strength, the refuge and the rock of support for the Sisters of Providence for many years. May the work begun here in 1840 by six valiant French Sisters of Providence continue into the future under your Providential care.*

"The beauty of the forests of Indiana...surpasses all description.... This land was no longer for me the land of exile; it was the portion of my inheritance, and in it I hope to dwell all the days of my life."

—Mother Theodore Guerin



These Woods are Thine

These woods are thine, O Lord,
This Home,
Whose deep foundation is Thy Providence,
Whose walls are Peace;
Where Grace glows like a kindled lamp
within,
And shadows cease.

These woods are thine, O Lord;
Make all who walk therein
Worthy to walk with Thee;
Let them recall that Death, and Sin,
Life, and Redemption, came to us
Upon a Tree!

-Sister Joseph Eleanor Ryan

*From living stones,
a chosen people,
you have formed
your Church, O God.*



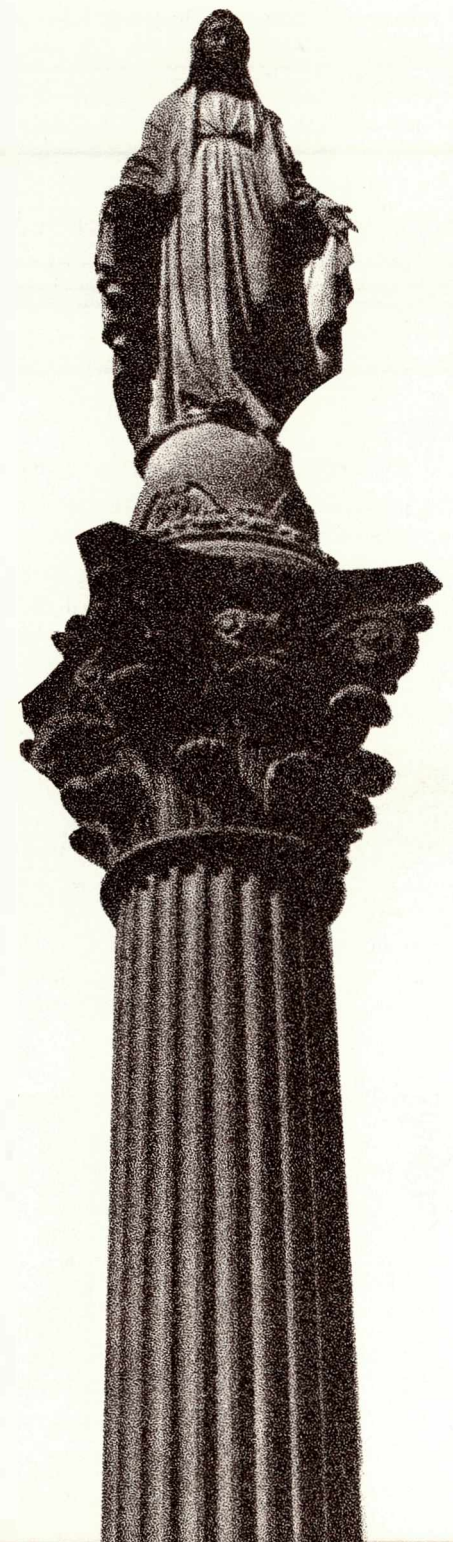
The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sisters of Providence • Saint Mary-of-the-Woods • Indiana

When the planners and builders of the Church of the Immaculate Conception laid the cornerstone in 1885 to create a special place of worship at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, they could only dream of how many people of God would gather over the years in the warmth of the Italian Renaissance church.

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church of the Immaculate Conception gathers the Sisters of Providence, and at times their relatives and friends, faculty and students of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and members of the Terre Haute community for moments of quiet prayer and reflection as well as celebration and ceremony. The church is a visual symbol of a praying and worshiping community, a material structure so identified with the people of God that we say this building is a church only as long as believers gather here.

In its original planning and construction and in recent restoration, a balanced environment has been preserved that shows strength and tradition as well as energy and movement toward the future. Nurturing growth in the midst of an enduring past has been an institutional and architectural theme.

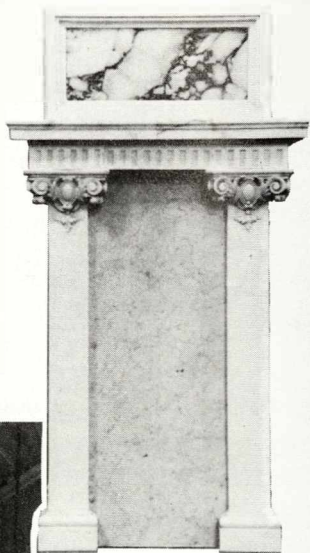


Consecrated on October 23, 1907, the present church is the fourth convent chapel of the Sisters of Providence since the sisters arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods from France in 1840. Begun in 1886 under the designs of D. A. Bohlen and Sons of Indianapolis, the construction of the Indiana limestone structure was not complete until 1891. All the original marble work was fashioned by the Italian-based Deprato Statuary Company.

One hundred years later, construction began again to shore up old floor supports tired with age and to update the environment in keeping with liturgical norms adopted following the Second Vatican Council.

Designs by Architect/Artist Harry Breen of Champaign, Illinois took shape as contractors and builders such as F. A. Wilhelm Construction, Co., Inc., Santarossa Mosaic and Tile Co., Inc. and Landis Painting, all of Indianapolis, brought them to life.

The presider's chair, altar of sacrifice and major ambo or lectern were fashioned from the marble of the former reredos.



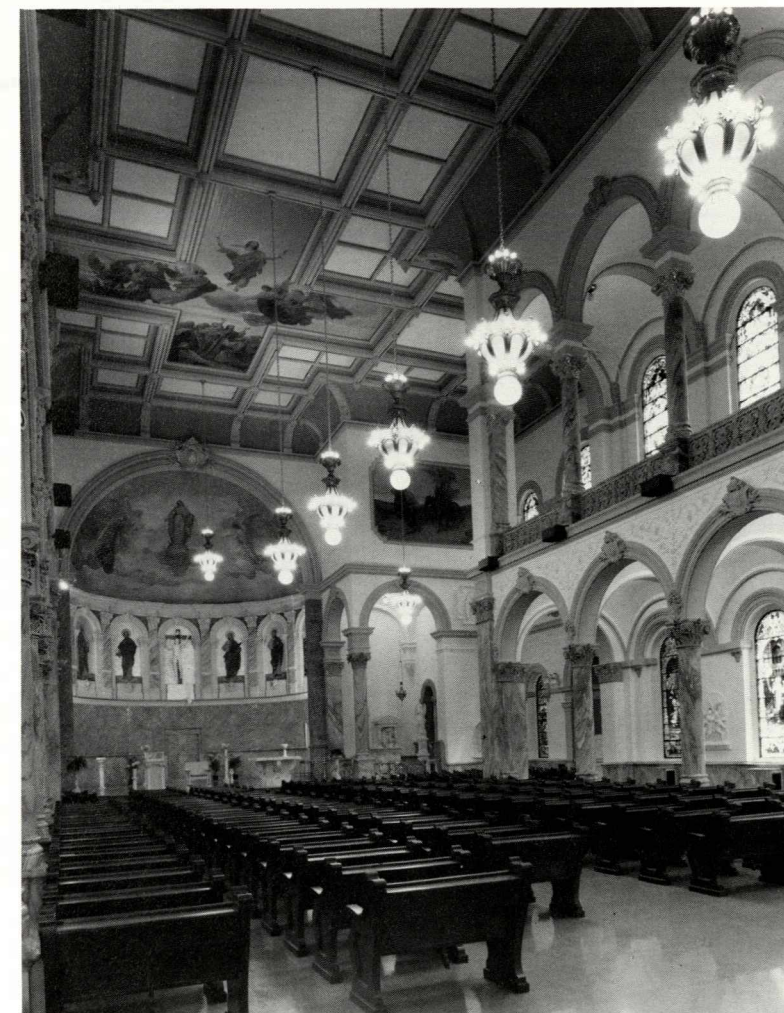
The new maroon and black-speckled terrazzo floor, coupled with freshly painted walls and ceiling in colors of mauve, stone pink and alabaster, highlight the already pink Georgian marble of the pillars and the rich-red Numidian marble on the walls of the sanctuary.

It is to the sanctuary that worshipers are drawn. A sense of community celebration has been emphasized by the extension of the sanctuary, allowing you to be closer to the Eucharistic banquet. An altar of sacrifice, lectern and president's chair have been created and fashioned using the white Carrara marble of the reredos or high altar which formerly dominated the sanctuary.

In its place, the risen Christ now hangs triumphant — the central image for the curved sanctuary wall and its paintings of the evangelists.

Commissioned by the Sisters of Providence, Harry Breen sculpted the model for the Christ figure, creating a form expressive of the universal truths we hold as Catholic Christians.

Noteworthy is the crown of thorns superimposed on top of a tri-radiant



nimbus that is affixed to the wooden walnut cross. The crown, made of iron nails cast together, symbolizes the suffering of Christ, and the cast-brass tri-radiant nimbus and halo behind Christ's head symbolize the triumph of Christ over death and the divinity and glory of Christ. The base beneath the Christ figure is draped to produce a sense of rising from the tomb.

Just as you are drawn closer to the Eucharistic celebration by the extended



sanctuary, the physical arrangement of the walnut pews in a semicircle around the extended sanctuary also brings you closer to one another. This design of the church space gives prominence to Christ present in the assembly as well as in word and sacrament.

To the right of the sanctuary is the Eucharistic Reservation Area.

The focus in this space is the tabernacle taken from the former high altar. The tabernacle is the designated place of honor for the consecrated bread and the place for those eucharistic devotions that center in adoration — devotions that have been central to the Sisters of Providence since cherished by our foundress, Mother Theodore Guerin.

On either side of the sanctuary alcoves are bas reliefs. These works, in high relief instead of free-standing sculpture, depict religious scenes. On the right, the Blessed Virgin gives a rosary to St. Dominic while the infant Jesus presents a small chaplet to St. Catherine of Siena. On the left, St. Anne and St. Joachim are shown with the little Mary against a background of interesting historical detail.

Other features within the church express the rich history and tradition of Roman Catholicism and the Sisters of Providence.

At the entrance of the church is a Holy Water Font — a symbol of baptism. Baptism is rightfully a community celebration for it is an entry into the community of faith and into the very mystery of Christ's death and new life.

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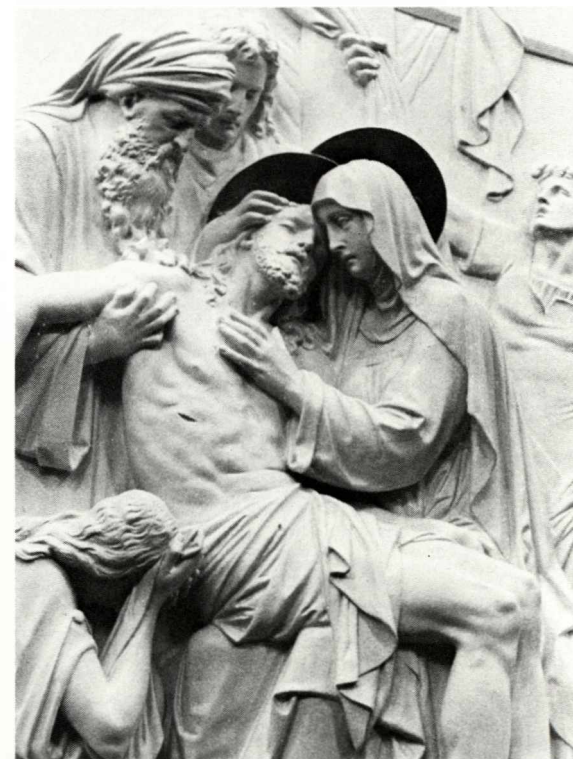
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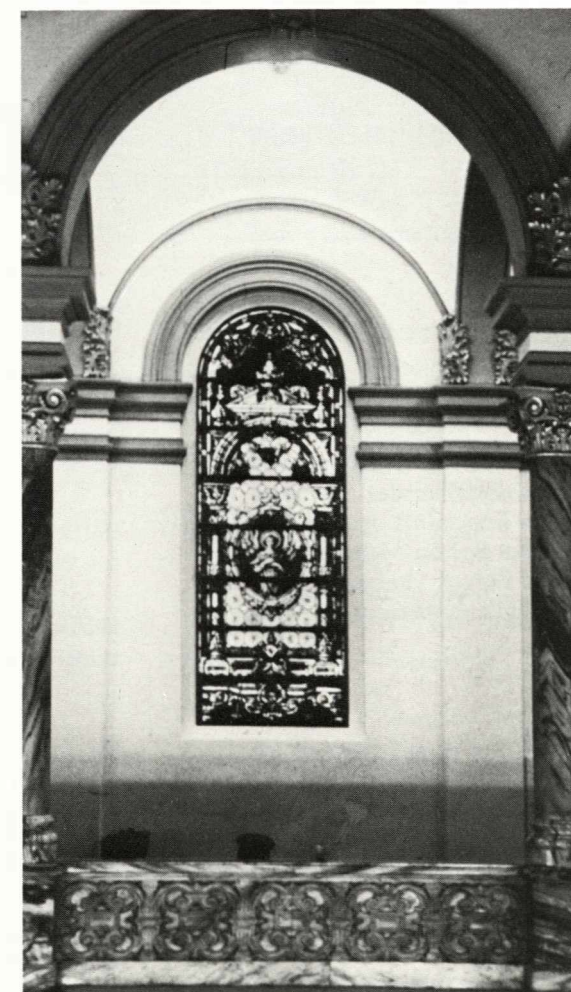
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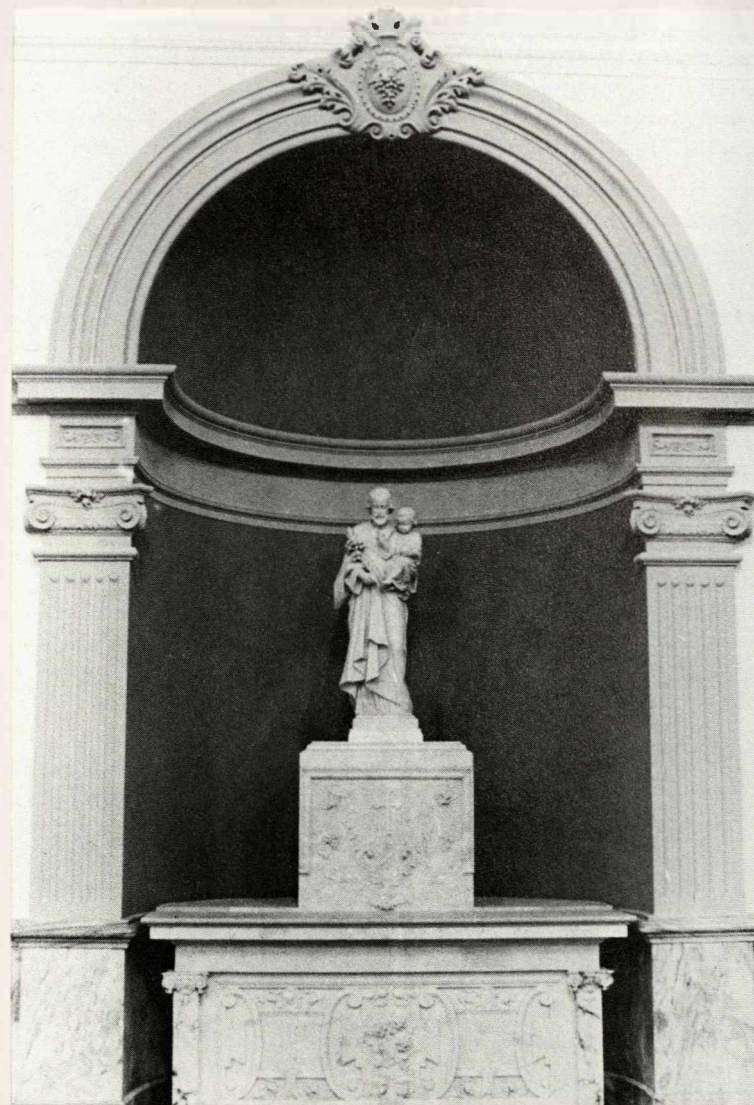
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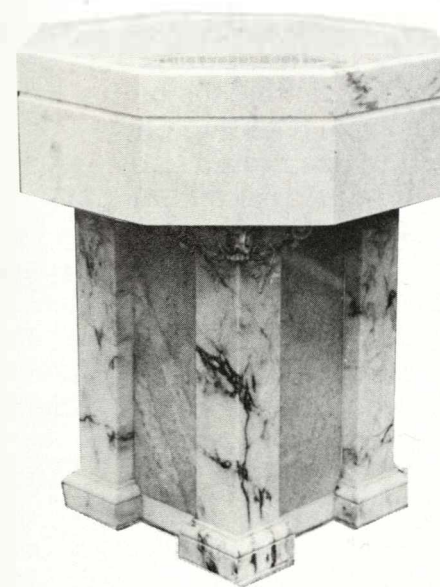
Shrine of St. Joseph and site of relic tablet

Carrara marble statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph are enshrined in recessed coves on each side of the church.

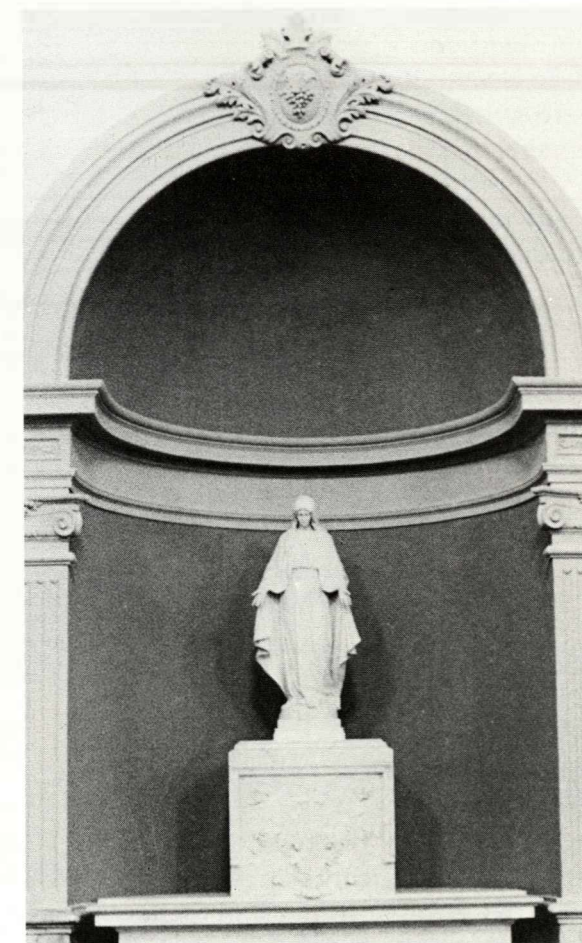
In front of the shrine of Mary is the place of entombment of Mother Theodore (1798-1856) — a tribute to the foundress of the Sisters of Providence Congregation in America.

An inscribed tablet before the St. Joseph shrine marks the buried relics of Saints Theodore and Urban and other holy men and women of the church.

Positioned underneath the gallery and around the back of the church are stations of the cross for celebration and reflective prayer on the sufferings and death of Jesus. The stations were made in Munich and were installed about 1891.



Holy Water Font — symbol of baptism.



Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary and place of entombment of Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception incorporates a wide representation of art. In addition to sculpted pieces such as the altars, shrines and stations, many beautiful murals, frescos and stained-glass windows enhance the church's atmosphere.



The church becomes alive when light passes through the bright colors of the stained-glass windows. The windows, executed by the Bavarian Art Institute, Munich, are said by experts to represent the greatest perfection of the Bavarian art. The windows depict scenes of the life of Christ and the Blessed Mother and Old Testament figures: Judith, Esther, Isaiah and David.

Paintings by the late Thaddeus von Zukotynski of Munich and Chicago serve as artistic tribute to God's presence in art as well as life. The fresco in the semi-dome represents the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the symbol of the serpent beneath her feet. Beneath the dome in the arcade are paintings of the four Evangelists; the flight into Egypt,

at the right, and the Return from Calvary, at the left, are both light painted canvases. The large painting in the sunken coffer of the ceiling gives the impression that the ceiling has broken open, revealing Christ ascending into heaven.

The art of music continues to embellish liturgical celebrations held in the church. Original compositions by Sisters of Providence are often heard from the organ in the rear of the choir surrounding the nave. The organ, made by the Casavant Freres Company of Saint Hyacinth, Canada, has three manuals, 27 ranks and approximately 1,700 pipes. Because of music's important place in liturgical celebrations, a special music area was created at the front of the church, left of the sanctuary.

Although the Church of the Immaculate Conception is a focal point, the Sisters of Providence also value other places for prayer and devotion.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, in keeping with Mother Theodore's wish of honoring Christ present in the Eucharist, is a place for continuous devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The chapel construction began in 1920, and the chapel was consecrated in 1924. The needs of individuals, country and world are placed before the Throne of God by the sisters who pray there.

A shrine erected to Our Lady of Providence is also a special place of devotion, centered at Saint Mary-of-

the-Woods since 1925, when a copy of the painting of Mary was obtained in Rome and presented to the Sisters of Providence. Requests to the shrine office for pictures, plaques and prayer cards arrive daily, signifying the spread of devotion to Mary under the title Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home.

Since Mother Theodore's arrival in 1840, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has been a place of worship for many. At the center of worship, a community of believers has gathered together in the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the past 100 years. May we continue for hundreds more.





We want to thank the many men and women whose talent, skill and dedication have made the restored Church of the Immaculate Conception a monument to artisanship.

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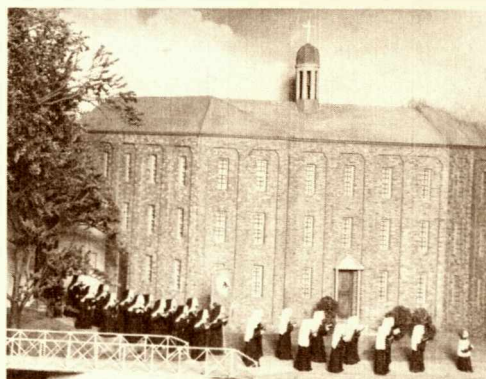
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Much was against those first Sisters of Providence—the unfamiliar climate, the vastness of the country, the difficulty of beginning and carrying on a school in a language of which they knew very little.



At the time of Mother Theodore's death on May 15, 1856, she left her religious congregation firmly established, eager to respond to the needs of the people of God.

Mother Theodore's confidence did not fail. "There is a Providence," she wrote, "and the sisters of Saint Mary's are its daughters."

Still harder to bear was the lack of understanding from the bishop, whose support was essential for the sisters' effective service of the diocese. Mother Theodore's confidence, however, did not fail. "There is a Providence," she wrote, "and the sisters of Saint Mary's are its daughters."

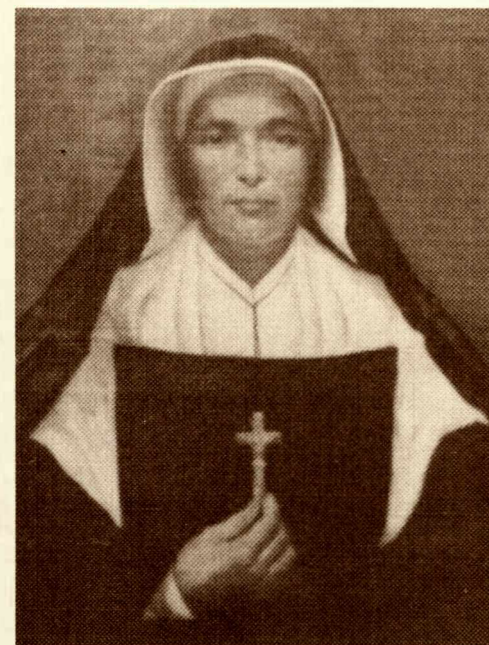
This confidence in God's providence enabled the foundress to consolidate her work. Mother Theodore visited schools throughout the state, supervised the building of a motherhouse, welcomed many Academy pupils into the Catholic faith and many American postulants into the Sisters of Providence. At the time of her death on May 15, 1856, she left her religious congregation firmly established, eager to respond to the needs of the people of God.



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Who shall find a valiant woman?

***The life of a foundress
Mother Theodore
Guerin***





In the aftermath of the French Revolution, Father Jacques-Francois Dujarie and his Sisters of Providence strive to rekindle the spirit of a devastated people.

The Providence of God

The Providence of God, eternally solicitous, seems at certain times to touch people's lives with a particular concern and compassion. Such an intervention occurred in the early 19th century, as the Catholic church in France strove to rekindle the spirit of a people devastated by revolution.

At the same time, beyond the shores of France, a new nation awaited the light that would spring from that rekindled spark. In answer to these common yet far-flung needs, God chose and guided one valiant woman, Anne Therese Guerin, to promote the merciful designs of Providence in both the old world and the new.

Born at Etables in Brittany on Oct. 2, 1798, Anne Therese was the daughter of Laurent Guerin, a naval officer, and Isabelle Lefevre. From these parents, Anne Therese learned the love of God and neighbor which characterized her whole life.

By the age of 15, having experienced the deaths of her two young brothers and her father, Anne Therese became the consolation and support of her mother. Nine years later she was able to fulfill her desire to serve God in the religious life. In 1823 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence at Ruille-sur-Loir.

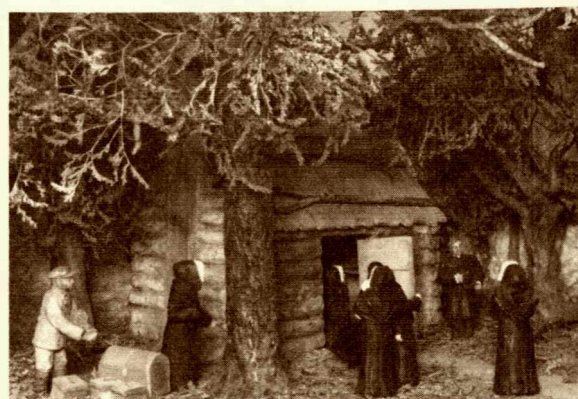
Anne Therese to lead

This newly formed religious institute had been established by Father Jacques-Francois Dujarie to care for the needy of his parish. At the time of Anne Therese's entrance, this community was serving the church in several dioceses.

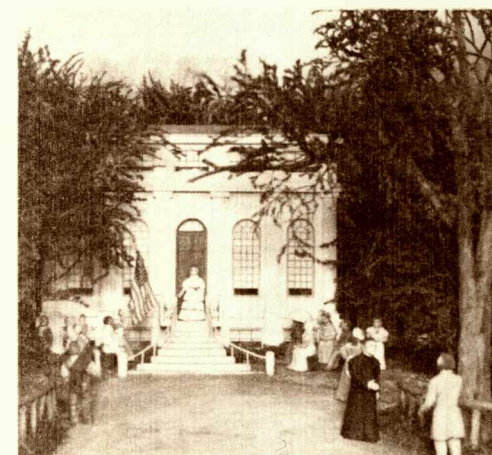
Anne Therese received the name Sister Theodore and continued to grow in faith as she taught and cared for God's children in schools and dispensaries. Her generosity and charity won the respect and affection of all, while her professional accomplishments brought recognition from the French government as well.

Then in 1839, at the urgent request of the bishop of Indiana, the religious superiors of Ruille-sur-Loir agreed to send a small group of Sisters of Providence to America if Sister Theodore would lead the mission. Although hesitant about her own ability, she accepted the call with her constant and courageous trust in the Providence of God.

After an arduous journey of almost three months, the six sisters arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Oct. 22, 1840. To their surprise, they found themselves in the midst of a dense forest—their promised convent unbuilt; their temporary lodgings, the house of a generous local farmer; the chapel where they first knelt before Jesus in the Eucharist, a rough log cabin.



Mother Theodore and companions arrive in the dense forest of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, a new world within the New World.



Within a few years the Academy that opened at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1841 was attracting pupils from all parts of Indiana and from neighboring states.

From forest to academy

In the months that followed their arrival, Mother Theodore, as she came to be called, dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the welfare of her sisters and to the many demands of their mission. With her customary foresight, she combined her experience in France with her observations in America to fashion an educational system suited to the needs and aspirations of America's young women. Thus within a few years the Academy that opened at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1841 was attracting pupils from all parts of Indiana and from neighboring states, and the sisters were answering the appeal of numerous pastors to open parish schools throughout the diocese. They also visited the sick, founded dispensaries and orphanages, thus sharing God's loving providence with those in need.

Like all great work undertaken for the glory of God and the people of God, the community at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods experienced not only the mystery of Christ's rising, but also the mystery of his dying. The sisters recognized fatigue, unfamiliar climate, poverty, misunderstanding and intolerance, which daily touched their missionary efforts, as a share in the Lord's redeeming love.

Our Lady of Providence

Queen of the Home

The original picture of Our Lady of Providence was painted about 1580 by Scipione Pulzoni, commonly known as Gaetano because he was a native of Gaeto, Italy. In 1664, the painting was placed in the keeping of the Barnabite Fathers in the Church of San Carlo ai Catinari, Rome. The picture was enshrined in a monastery corridor and inscribed "Mater Divine Providentiae." People who visited the shrine reported remarkable favors received through the intercession of Our Lady of Providence.

In 1774, Pope Benedict established in the Church of San Carlo ai Catinari in perpetuity, a Confraternity under the title of "Our Lady of Providence."

The devotion of Our Lady of Providence was brought to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana in 1925. A shrine and a Confraternity were canonically erected, and the Barnabite Fathers designated Saint Mary-of-the-Woods the American headquarters for the Archconfraternity.

The devotion to Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home, has for its scope the union of all persons in the love of Jesus and Mary. By offering their prayers and good works, those devoted to our Lady of Providence may confidently hope for her blessing on their homes and their enterprises, for preservation from harm, and strength for themselves and their loved ones at the hour of death.

*For information write to:
Shrine of Our Lady of Providence
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana 47876*



SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

Saint Mary of the Woods

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Sisters of Providence

Little more than a farmhouse and log chapel stood in the midst of the thick Indiana forest when Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence, arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods 150 years ago.

"It is astonishing that this remote solitude has been chosen for a novitiate and especially for an academy. All appearances are against it," she wrote.

But with an unwavering faith in the Providence of God, Mother Theodore embarked on a journey of love, mercy, and justice which would touch hundreds of thousands in the United States and China.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence

Today more than 800 Sisters of Providence minister to the people of God. In more than 50 dioceses in 25 states in the United States and Taiwan, Sisters of Providence serve in many different ministries.

From their original mission of education, the sisters continue to fulfill educational needs. In grade schools, high schools, and colleges, through parish programs and social service programs, Sisters of Providence strive to educate for human development and against ignorance wherever it is found.

In 1920 the Sisters took their mission of education of women to China and became the first American sisters to

serve in the interior of China. That mission flourishes today on the island of Taiwan.

Today the Congregation has targeted certain ministries in response to society's needs. Those ministries include serving Hispanics, women, the elderly, the rural unchurched and the urban poor.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is home for the Sisters of Providence. The national headquarters of the Congregation are located there. Each Sister of Providence begins her journey as a woman religious at the Woods. Also Sisters come home to Saint Mary's to rest or recuperate, as well as retire after long years of service.

Sharing the campus with the mother-house is Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first mission of the Sisters of Providence.

Providence Center, the newest addition to the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods campus, enables the Sisters of Providence to share their spirituality and heritage with visitors. Site of the national Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home, the Center offers programs and activities in support of family life.

The Sisters of Providence continue to touch hundreds of thousands of people with the gifts of love, mercy and justice. We invite all to discover what the Providence of God has made possible.

For more information about the Sisters of Providence, call 812-535-4193.

Our Lady of Providence

To strengthen the family through devotion to Our Lady under the title *Queen of the Home* has been a goal of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Providence since 1925 when it was established at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

In 1732, a simple shrine was erected by the Barnabite Fathers in the Church of San Carlo and the title *Mater Divinae Providentiae* was inscribed beneath a 1580 Scipione Pulzoni original painting.



The shrine soon became a place of pilgrimage. Remarkable favors were bestowed through Our Lady's intercession, and devotion spread.

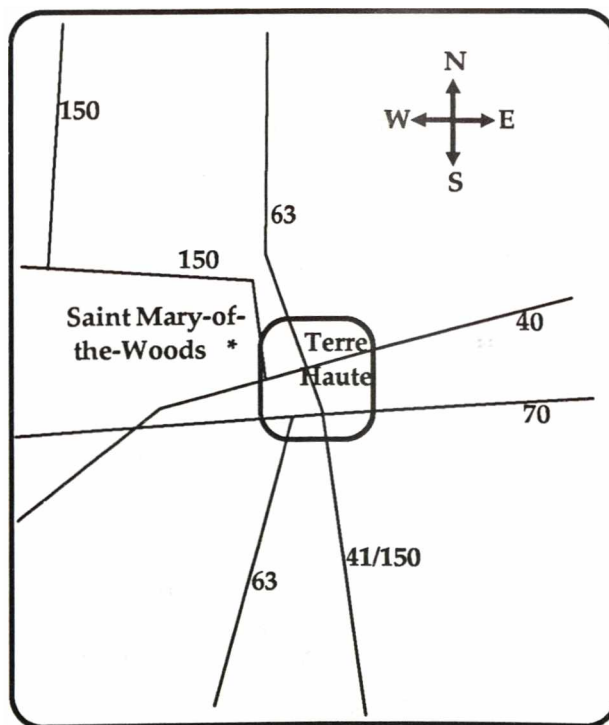
On May 24, 1925, the Father General of the Barnabite Fathers designated Saint Mary-of-the-Woods as the American or National Headquarters of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Providence.

The oil painting in the current Shrine is a 1928 reproduction by Pompei Coccia.

Space is provided at the new location for pilgrims to pause, to pray, to place their intentions before this powerful advocate, Our Lady of Providence.

Mission Statement...

The mission of Providence Center is to honor Divine Providence and Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home. The Center offers an environment of hospitality where visitors and pilgrims may share the history and tradition of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



Directions to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is located five miles northwest of Terre Haute, Indiana, off Highway 150.

We are 77 miles west of Indianapolis on Interstate 70; 160 miles east of St. Louis, via Interstate 70.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is 190 miles south of Chicago, via Highway 63/41; and 113 miles north of Evansville, via Highway 41.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Providence Center



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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876
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Providence Center

About the Center...

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- A corps of docents, or trained volunteers, is available during Center hours to conduct tours of places at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods held sacred by the Sisters of Providence. Schedule guided tours in advance.
- The Center accommodates groups for meetings and/or meals. A conference room, seating 55, is available. In addition, O'Shaughnessy Dining Room, served by Marriott Corporation, is part of the Center complex and can accommodate large numbers.
- Religious items, such as books and tapes, as well as handcrafted items and gifts for all occasions are available at the Center Gift Shop.
- Eucharistic Liturgy is celebrated each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Liturgy is also offered Monday through Saturday at 11:30 a.m. (except Thursday). "Sunday Brunch at the Woods" is offered each Sunday by Marriott.

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Spiritual Highlights of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Within Providence Center...

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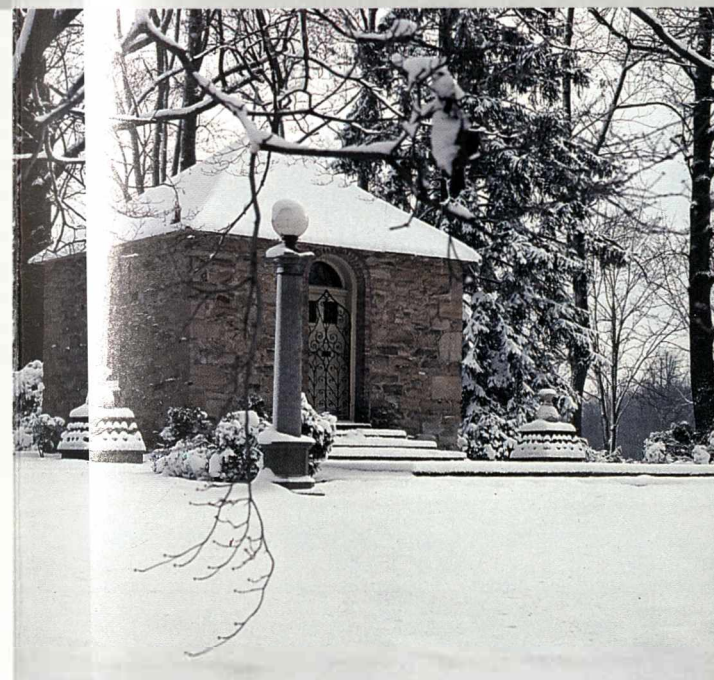
Heritage Museum: Permanent and rotating displays of artifacts of the Congregation, which was founded in 1840.

Dioramas: Series of three-dimensional scenes depicting the story of the Sisters of Providence, accompanied by an audio commentary.

Adjacent to Providence Center...

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: A place for continual devotion to the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for more than 75 years.

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Consecrated in 1907, built in the style of the Italian Renaissance, the Congregation conventual church is the daily place of worship for more than 300 Sisters at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

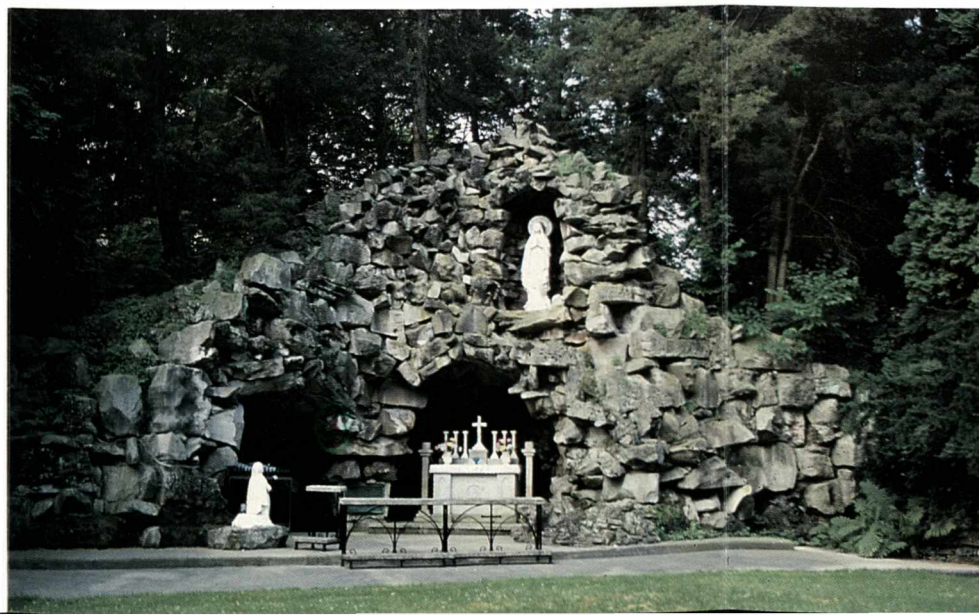


Outdoor Shrines...

The tranquillity of nature at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods provides a perfect meditative place in itself, but many shrines add to this atmosphere, outstanding among which are...

St. Anne Shell Chapel: Oldest shrine on campus, decorated inside with iridescent shells brought from the Wabash River and painted with historical scenes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto: Built in 1918, a tribute to the intercessory power of Our Lady of Lourdes; contains stones from the Shrine at Lourdes, France, after which it was fashioned.



Providence Center



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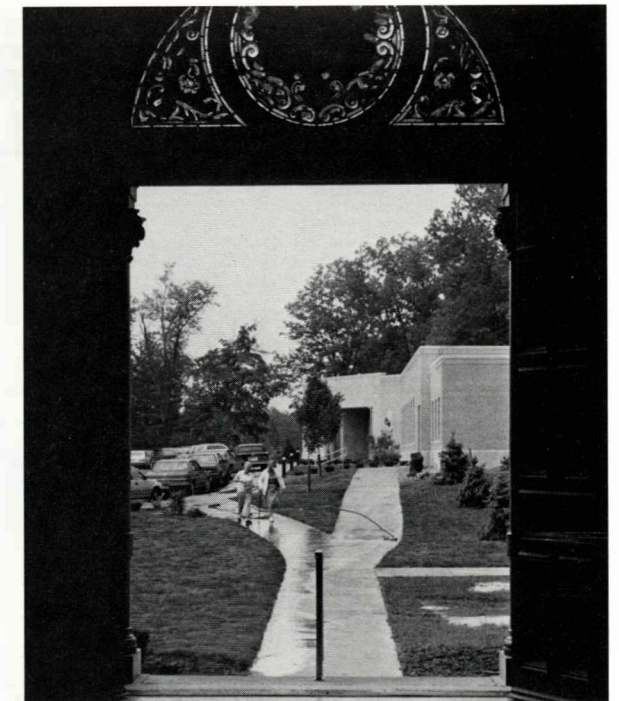
Why Providence Center?

As Sisters of Providence, bearing the name Providence is no simple challenge.

In the words of Foundress Mother Theodore Guerin, it means: "Have confidence in the Providence that so far has never failed us." It demands: "Lean with all your weight upon Providence. . . you will find yourselves well supported."

Bearing the name Providence also means acceptance of our mission and responsibility to become Providence for our world. "The purpose of this congregation is to honor Divine Providence and to further God's loving plans by devoting itself to works of love, mercy and justice in service among God's people."

We are God's instruments of care for the world. The Providence of God demands we recognize that what we do and who we are can, and does, make a real difference in our world.



Heeding the two-fold call — to rely on Providence and to become Providence for our world — led the Sisters of Providence to establish Providence Center.





Foley Hall (above) was razed to make room for Providence Center, which has created a new focus for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Relying on Providence

The Providence Center was constructed where majestic Foley Hall once stood at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. For 16 years the Congregation explored alternative uses for the 144,000-square foot Foley Hall. The building, parts of which dated back to 1860, was tired with age and no longer could meet the needs of the current community.

Thus the mystery of God's creative, enduring involvement in the moments of our lives and history was soon revealed in the plan to raze Foley. In its place a new focus for the entire campus would be created — a facility that would help

us welcome visitors, share our heritage and devotions, provide a place for pilgrimage and spiritual renewal, and focus attention on the needs of the family through the national shrine of Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home.

Foley, a cherished friend, would be gone. In its place would rise a structure that would enable us to extend the gift of Providence to our world.

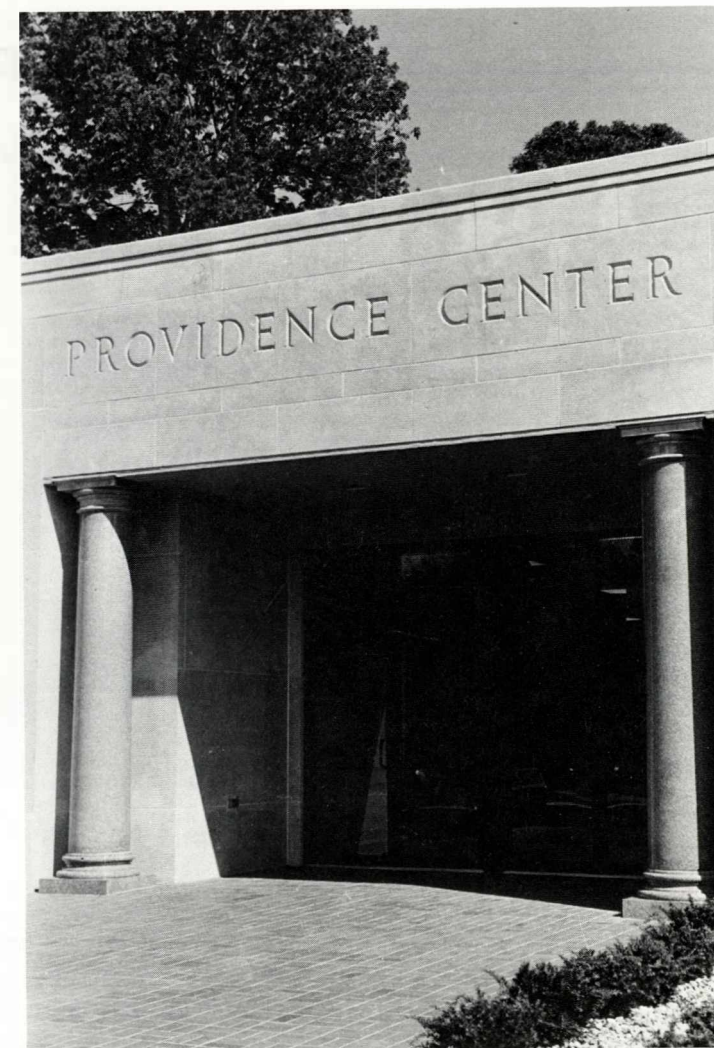
The many friends who helped us construct our dream and who are listed in this memorial booklet are testimony to God's providential care for us.

Becoming Providence

Construction of Providence Center began in early 1989 once demolition of Foley was completed. The architectural firm of Bohlen, Meyer, Gibson & Associates, Inc., of Indianapolis, which has designed every major structure at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, devised plans to link the new center with O'Shaughnessy Dining Room and the corridor leading to the Church of the Immaculate Conception and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

A focal point for the national shrine of Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home, was created. Blueprints for a new kitchen to service the Providence Center and O'Shaughnessy Dining Room were drawn up as well as a program of renovation for O'Shaughnessy Dining Room.

Efforts were made to incorporate "pieces" of Foley into the new structure. The two granite columns at the entrance to the Center come from the entrance of Foley. The stained glass seal of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods above the Center's front doors once hung above the front doors of Foley. The stained glass window in the lobby of the Center was brought from a room east of Sacred Heart Chapel in Foley Hall.



The two granite columns at the front entrance of Providence Center once graced the front of Foley Hall as did the stained glass seal of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

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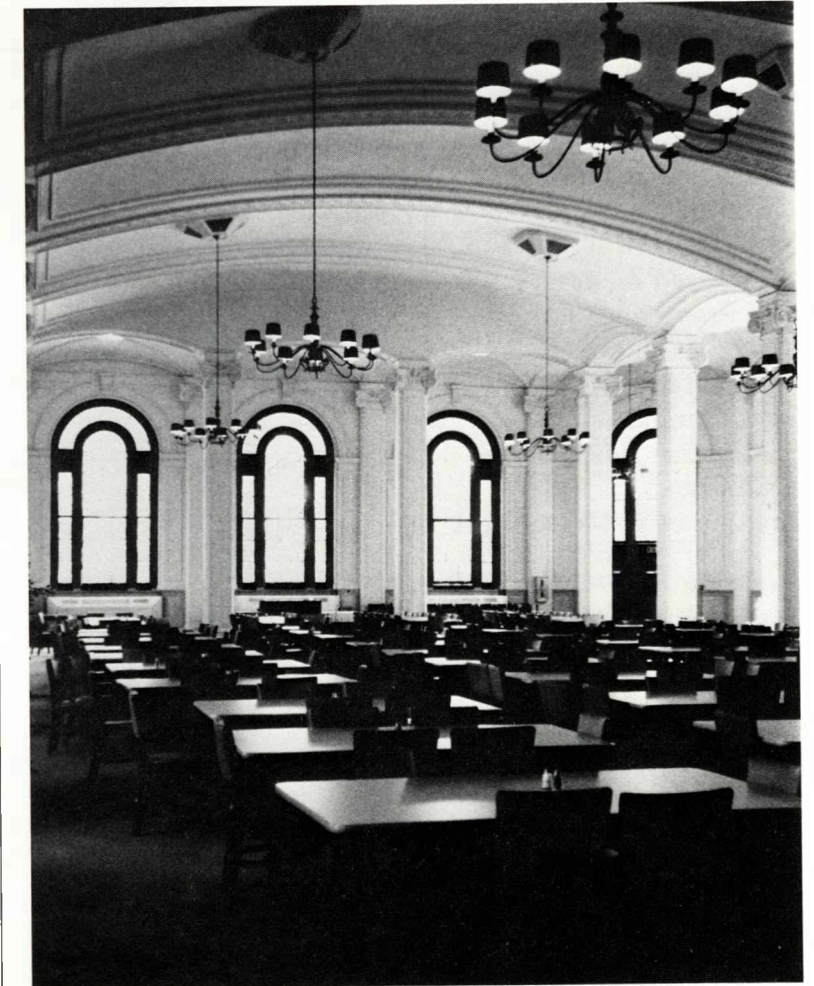
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In loving memory
of Frank and Anna
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O'Shaughnessy Dining Room was renovated as part of the building project at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. With seating for 500, the room is served by Marriott Corporation and is rented for banquets and large gatherings.

O'Shaughnessy Dining Room

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In loving memory
of Helen Reagan



This visitor selects a child's gift from among the many offered in the Center's Gift Shop. Our Lady of Providence items also are available as well as books and tapes, handcrafted items and gifts for all occasions.

Gift Shop

In loving memory of Mother Marie Helene Franey, SP,
Sister Louis Joseph Connerton, SP, Mr. and Mrs.
Michael D. Franey and other members of the Franey
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Mary Catherine

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John T. Maher
Hallie McMahon
In loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. John
L. McMahon



During Sesqui-centennial Homecoming weekend, these visitors avail themselves of the comfort of the conference room in the Providence Center. The room accommodates 55 and is available for meetings and/or meals.

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of Mary Jo Schaefer
The Joseph Shrader Family
In loving memory of
Cecelia Shrader



*An expansive
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O'Shaughnessy
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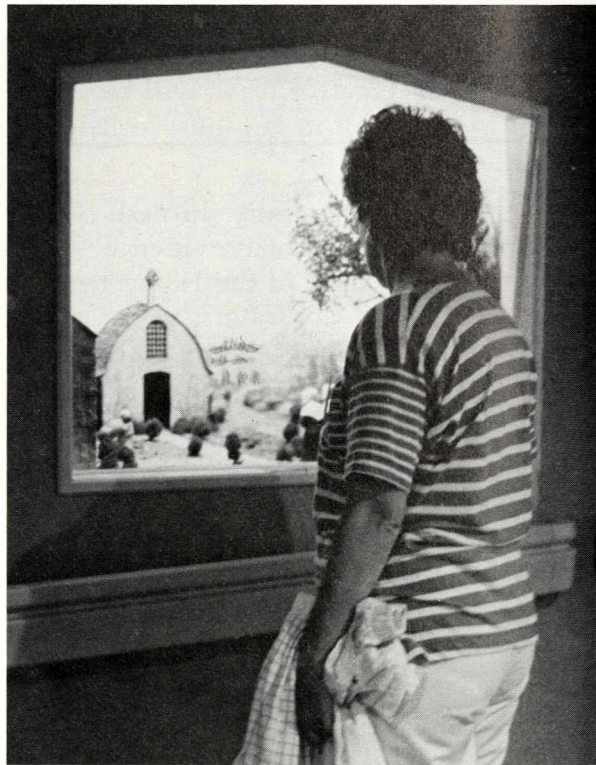
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stories they have written with their lives, with symbols of their love and devotion to a God whose face is ever turned toward us.

A walk down the corridor leading from the Heritage Room to the Church of the Immaculate Conception will introduce you to the countless faces and the numerous ways Sisters of Providence have turned their faces to the people of the world. The corridor display of more than 400 photos tells the story of how a simple foundation, brought to life by Mother Theodore Guerin and five companions, has grown and changed in its endeavor to bring love, mercy and justice to our world.

Opposite the photo display are three-dimensional dioramas created in 1940 by Chicago Artist Gregory Kamka in honor of the Congregation's centennary. The 12 scenes and the audio commentary accompanying them depict outstanding persons, places and events in the early history of the community.



A series of diorama scenes with accompanying audio tape depict the story of the foundation of the Sisters of Providence.

The faces and places of Sister of Providence history since 1840 come alive in a display of more than 400 photographs located in the corridor leading from Providence Center to the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



Gail Thomas McKenna (left), former Sister of Providence, and Sister Nancy Nolan, general superior, unveil the sculpture of SP Foundress Mother Theodore Guerin which was created by Gail's husband Jerry in honor of the Congregation's Sesquicentennial.

Mother Theodore's Legacy of Providence

Sisters of Providence today owe much to those early followers of Providence and to Mother Theodore, whose trust in Providence is the greatest legacy we have inherited. It is fitting, then, that a sculpture of her, created in honor of our Sesquicentennial, has been placed inside the front entrance to the Center. Artist Jerry McKenna of San Antonio, Texas, with the support of former Sisters of Providence, sculpted the gift. In order to capture not only a likeness of Mother Theodore but also her spirit, McKenna

read "Faith Is the Substance," Mother Theodore's life story as told by Katherine Burton.

Faith in Providence was the substance of Mother Theodore's life. Faith in Providence is the substance from which Providence Center has risen at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. May Providence Center give rise to the designs of Providence for the human community. That is the challenge for those who bear the name — Providence.

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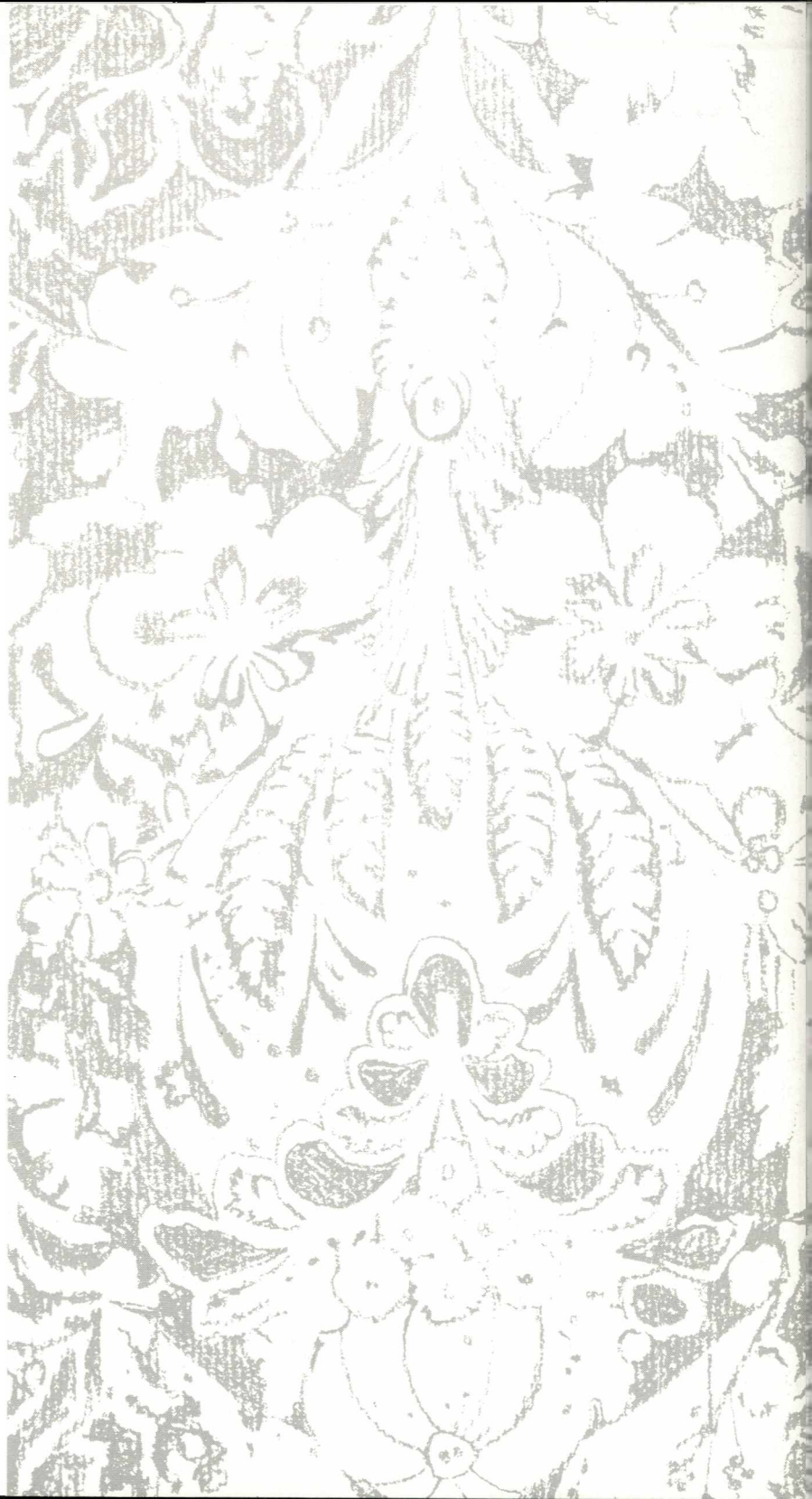
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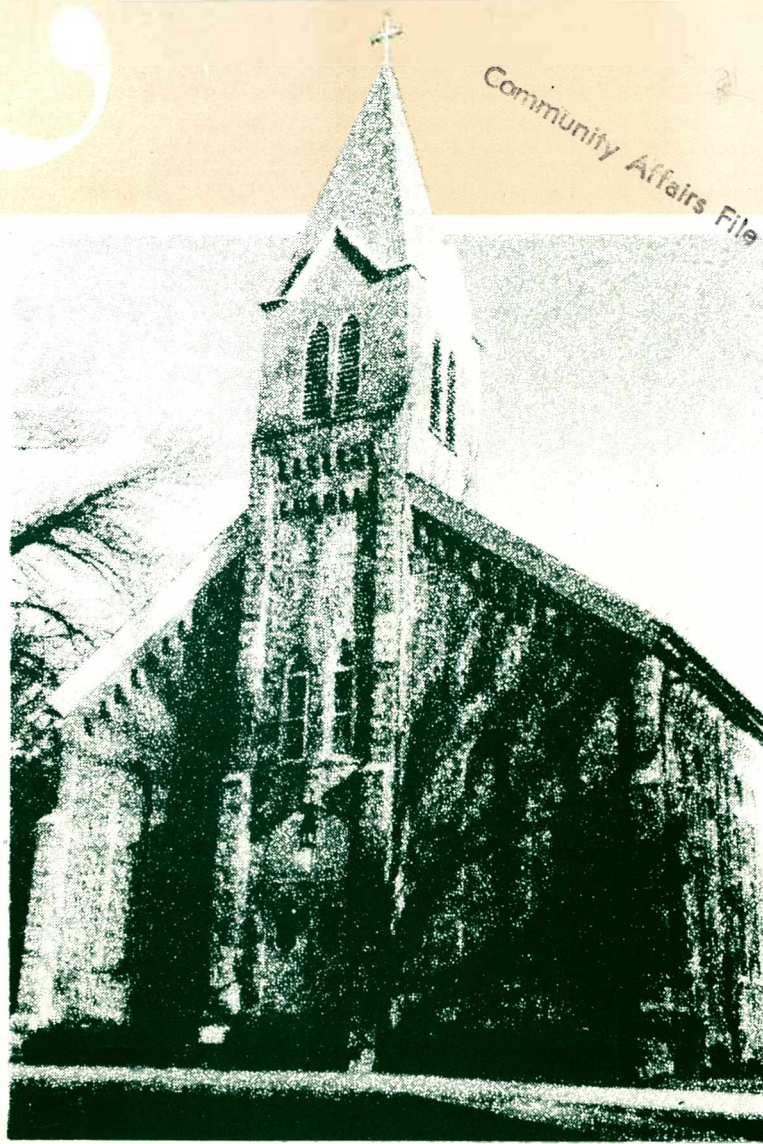
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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana
1987**

One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary

**The
Quest for Faith and Freedom**

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INTRODUCTION

The following historical account of the past one hundred and fifty years of the parish is based upon church records, archival materials of the Sisters of Providence, oral histories by several older parishioners, published histories and writings, and personal interviews. In such an endeavor, it is impossible to record everything that has happened or to mention every person by name who has served the parish. It is hoped that no one will be hurt should there be no specific mention made of that person.

In the interest of saving space and making the account more readable, footnotes and sources have not been included. Special thanks must be given, however, to the Sisters of Providence for their kind permission to print passages from Sr. Mary Borromeo's history and from the published letters of Sr. Saint Francis Xavier. They have also generously permitted the reprinting of several pictures of parish buildings.

Finally, should there be errors, I apologize for them in advance. I have attempted to be as accurate as the existing records have allowed. Hopefully, this effort will provide a starting place for those who will come after me to write the history of the two hundredth anniversary.

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Popes

Gregory XVI.....	1830-1846
Pius IX.....	1846-1878
Leo XIII.....	1878-1903
Pius X.....	1903-1914
Benedict XV.....	1914-1922
Pius XI.....	1922-1939
Pius XII.....	1939-1958
John XXIII.....	1958-1963
Paul VI.....	1963-1978
John Paul I.....	1978-1978
John Paul II.....	1978-

Bishops/Archbishops

Simon Gabriel Brute de Remur.....	1834-1839
Celestine de la Hailandiere.....	1839-1847
John Stephen Bazin.....	1847-1848
Maurice de St. Palais.....	1848-1877
Silas Murean Chatard.....	1877-1918
Joseph Chartrand.....	1918-1933
Joseph Elmer Ritter.....	1933-1946
Paul C. Schulte.....	1946-1967
George J. Biskup.....	1967-1979
Edward T. O'Meara.....	1979-

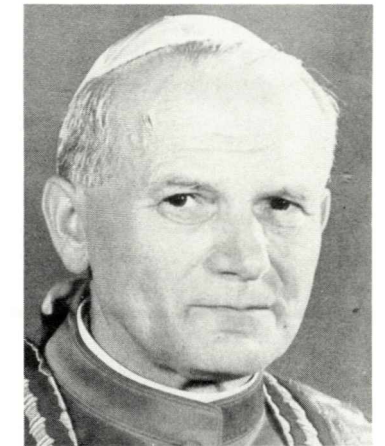
Pastors

Stanislaus Buteux.....	1837-1841
Anthony Parret.....	1841-1842
John Corbe.....	1842-1865
Martin Marty.....	1865-1865
Fintan Mundwiler.....	1865-1865
Meinrad W. McCarthy.....	1866-1871
Eugene McBarron.....	1871-1879
Augustine Riehle.....	1879-1912
Clement J. Thienes.....	1912-1918
Edward Hilger.....	1918-1924
William Boland.....	1924-1935
Fintan G. Walker.....	1935-1937
Irvin T. Mattingly.....	1937-1946
Thomas Fields.....	1946-1948
Edward Bauer.....	1948-1956
Francis E. Reeves.....	1956-1972
James P. Galvin.....	1972-

November 4, 1986

Dear Monsignor Galvin:

On the occasion of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Church in Vigo County, Indiana, I have the privilege of informing you that Pope John Paul II imparts the Apostolic Blessing to the parish community and all who join them in the celebration in April, 1987.



The parish of St. Mary-of-the-Woods has had a long and varied history, dating back to pioneer times when the French and Indians learned to live together and to accept the English from New England. The parish was favored in the 1840's by the arrival of the Sisters of Providence who taught in the parish school and who, even now, continue in college education of the Catholic community.

Parish Jubilee plans center around the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving which allows for an expression of group appreciation of Almighty God for his loving care of the parishioners of St. Mary's, both in the present and in the past. This Jubilee also affords opportunity to enrich one's faith, hope and charity by a deeper awareness of God's great love as shown us in Christ Jesus, through his Holy Spirit.

Concerning a parish, His Holiness has noted:

"A parish is a community of believers who, by means of the faith which they share, go back to the source of their fellowship: the Word of God, announced and received in the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. . . ."

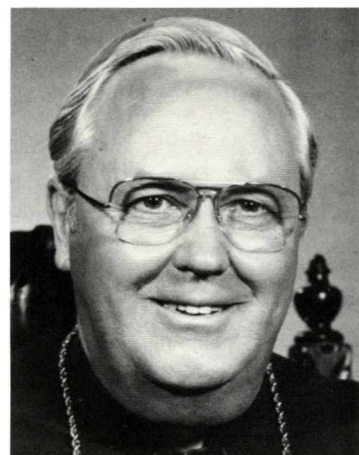
"Everyone is called to build up the life of the parish . . . Each is called to give testimony regarding the Spirit who is given to him in the measure of his talents and capacities . . ."

To the Blessing of the Holy Father permit me to add congratulations and prayerful good wishes for the joyous anniversary of 150 years of existence and for the coming years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pio Laghi

Pio Laghi
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio



April 5, 1987

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Any history of your part of the country gives exquisite descriptions of the "brilliance of hill and beauty of outline" of the wooded river banks and stretches of the sunny plains. Having often admired this beauty in my visits to Vigo County, I find myself thinking along those lines as I write sincere congratulations on this occasion of the Sesquicentennial of St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish.

The three or four families that made up Thralls Station were the ones who not only tilled the soil but planted the faith and nurtured its growth in the small frame church built by its first pastor, Father Buteux. Bishop Brute designated it as St. Mary-of-the-Woods and thus captured the essence of the surroundings.

The same Bishop Brute described the people he found at Thralls Station as "very pious Catholic families". These are your forbears and the legacy they handed on has been kept intact and strengthened through the years. It is a legacy to treasure and to hand on to your children so that a bicentennial will find it enduring and true.

To each of you, and especially to your devoted pastor, Monsignor Galvin, I send warm personal greetings and blessings.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

+ Edward T. O'Meara

Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

April 5, 1987

My Dear Parishioners,

The occasion of our 150th Anniversary and its celebration has a number of dimensions.

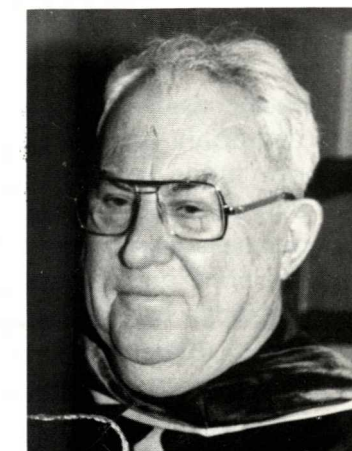
We, living in the present, look back in humble gratitude for the legacy of faith that is ours. We are grateful for the faith response of generous sacrifice on the part of those who have gone before us as priests, sisters and laity. Their witness, their sharing made possible the presence of the faith community we so treasure today.

But it is not only looking back, enjoying the present, but a looking forward with renewed commitment to insure that generations to come after us will have the presence of Christ living in their community which bears the name of His Blessed Mother - St. Mary's Parish.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

James P. Galvin

Msgr. James P. Galvin
Administrator



PEOPLE OF FAITH

An outstanding feature of the development of the United States is the seeming contradiction in the constitutional separation of Church and State with their parallel and, at many times, intertwined relationship. Whether one accepts the discovery of North America by the Irish, the Scandinavians or Christopher Columbus, that historic event was accomplished by a Roman Catholic. From that singular occurrence, the movement of people leaving their homelands in Europe for colonial America began the on-going experience which can be called the quest for the frontiers of faith and freedom. Catholicism, therefore, has had and continues to have a vitally important place in the history of the United States, Indiana, Vigo County and Saint Mary of the Woods Village.

Earlier accounts of the history of the Saint Mary of the Woods Catholic community claim that "the history of Catholicity in Vigo County dates from 1837." On the contrary, there were Roman Catholics in the area long before that rather late date, and this statement reflects the idea that the Church is pastor (organizational structure) rather than people (faith community). It was because there were people of faith in Vigo County that a pastor came to minister to them and, together, build the first Catholic faith community on the western side of the Wabash River.

The number of Catholic Americans was large enough by the end of the Revolutionary War that Father John Carroll was named Prefect-Apostolic with jurisdiction over the Church's mission in the newly created United States. The companion drives of faith and freedom resulted in the mass migration of thousands from the eastern areas of the country to new lands in the west. From original homes in Pennsylvania and Maryland, where religious toleration allowed Catholics to practice their faith, people sought new opportunities in the new frontier, however limited it might be. Pope Pius VI also recognized the necessity to insure the continued growth of the Church in the United States by approving the numerous appeals for a resident, native Bishop who would be elected by the American clergy. Father Carroll was consecrated as the first Bishop of the Catholic Church in the United States on August 15, 1790, a feast day of significance to Saint Mary of the Woods Village Church.

The influx of more families in the immediate vicinity of Bardstown brought about two important events: the naming of Father Benedict J. Flaget as Bishop of Bardstown in 1810 and the further migration of people into the old Northwest Territory area. Primarily from the Bardstown vicinity, family groups sought new land in Illinois where they founded the North Arm community in Edgar County. Among the family names prominent in this move were those of Thralls, Mattingly, Bodine, Brown and Lightfoot. Other migrations into Illinois lands produced a new diocese in 1826 to serve the Illinois-Indiana area. Numerous letters from Vincennes and elsewhere were sent to Bishop Flaget asking that a priest be assigned to the outlying communities. Reminiscent of more recent times, Flaget had no surplus priests to send until 1818, when three men were finally assigned to the Vincennes region. It was their efforts and

the faith in action of the burgeoning Catholic population which caused Father Gabriel Brute to be consecrated as the first Bishop of Vincennes.

This new diocese included the entire state of Indiana and about one-third of Illinois. Most of the Indiana Catholics lived in the area from Vigo County south to the Ohio River. At its inception, the entire diocese had only two priests to serve such a large faith community: Bishop Brute and Father Simon P. Lalumiere. Both of these pioneer priests had significant roles in the founding and early days of this parish. The third of the "founding trio" of priests was Stanislaus Buteux, a Eudist priest whom Bishop Brute brought from France to help staff his growing diocese.

It is recorded that a Jesuit priest from Kentucky visited the settlements along the Wabash in 1832, returning to Terre Haute later that year to celebrate Mass in the home of a local prominent Protestant, James Farrington, whose daughter, Mary, would be among the first students of the Sisters of Providence nine years later. The only resident Catholic Terre Hautean was Mrs. Susan Williams who with some of her immediate family are buried in the parish cemetery. The following year, another missionary came to the area briefly, to be followed by Father Petit, the returning Jesuit, and his companion, Father Laumiere.

There were enough Catholics living in the northern limits of his diocese to cause Bishop Brute to make a horseback trip on which he probably met the Thralls at their infant pioneer station on the west side of the Wabash River. While there, Brute must have realized that the Village area was a special place which should be singled out from the rest of his large jurisdiction. Here among the ravines and the trees was the site for a permanent place for the faith. As the prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed, the most favored in the eyes of the Creator were those least favored in the vision of the world. So it was that Saint Mary of the Woods, named by Bishop Brute, became the seat of faith and freedom.

It did not take him long before Bishop Brute paid Joseph and Sarah Mattingly Thralls fifteen dollars for about one acre of land on which to build the very first church in what is today the Village and Vigo County. It was to that distant locale that he sent Father Buteux to say the first Mass and become the first resident pastor of the Church of the Assumption at Saint Mary of the Woods, the first parish to receive this title in Indiana.

Bishop Brute wrote a letter to the Leopoldine Society of Vienna, Austria, an organization which provided much needed financial support of early Indiana Catholic efforts, in which he stated that "Terre Haute and the region near Paris in the State of Illinois are assigned to Father Buteux."

While the Thralls family sold the land and was a constant support to the early priests and the Sisters of Providence when they arrived in 1840, there were other families already in the vicinity who helped insure that this parish would survive its first years as an outpost of faith. The first parish records show that Wards, Hollands, Jarboes, Sheerins, Curleys, Regans and others came within a short time after the Thralls.

As a result, Bishop Brute selected Thralls Station, now known as Saint Mary of the Woods Village, as the first parish in this part of Indiana instead of nearby Terre Haute, the secular center for Vigo County. Boundary lines extended into eastern Illinois and as far east as Clay County, north into Vermillion and Park Counties, and south into Sullivan County.

An early description of the Village and its faith community is found in a passage written by Bishop Brute on his first visit to Father Buteux in 1837:

I send you this letter in the mission station on the banks of the Wabash, seventy miles from Vincennes, where I live in the huts of the Mission Station Thralls, near the city of Terre Haute. I find here very pious Catholic families, especially immigrants, whom I put under the charge of Father Buteux. You would certainly be interested in an exact description of the little log cabin which serves Father Buteux as a home and also as a house of prayer; but lest I ramble too far, suffice it to say that his cabin is a perfect resemblance of the holy stable of Bethlehem — all the more since we hope that from such humble beginnings we may in time expect a great blessing.

Three years before the arrival of Mother Theodore Guerin and her band of stalwart French companions, Bishop Brute proudly announced the presence of enough Catholics to consecrate the Thralls Station area as Saint Mary of the Woods and name Father Buteux as its first spiritual leader. From this locale, successors of Father Buteux and Mother Theodore helped establish Catholic parishes and schools throughout the diocese.

In February, 1840, a fire destroyed the first chapel-rectory. News of the imminent arrival of the French nuns brought about a flurry of construction. Bishop Celestine de la Hallandiere, who took over when Bishop Brute died, brought skilled workmen to complete his grand plans for a permanent Catholic center at the village. A major economic depression had hit the entire country in 1837 and Father Buteux had been unable to rebuild his one-room chapel-and-rectory in the style which the new Bishop desired. Existing accounts suggest that an interim log cabin was erected to serve both community and convent upon the advent of the Sisters of Providence on October 22, 1840.

Hallandiere's edict of 1842 resulted in a new, small brick edifice which was designed to imitate the ancient Pantheon of pagan Rome. Square foundation walls supported upper walls and roof which were circular. The exterior walls had no windows and the only interior light source was a row of small crescent-shaped openings in the dome. This gave the inside a gloomy presence and the outside could have been mistaken for a prison. Its lack of natural illumination made the structure warm in the cold winter months, but uncomfortably hot in summer.

This new church building was located where the present Conservatory of Music was constructed on the campus of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. It was the place where a few white crosses marked the

graves of parishioners who had died, and the living could see these remembrances of their loved ones as they entered the auditorium through the front door on the south side of the building. The Sisters, who used the church as their conventual chapel, entered by way of the northeast sacristy door which was closest to the newly constructed convent.

Considered then and later as an architectural "wonder" for its time, it was completed under the supervision of Father John Corbe, who had dual responsibilities as pastor of the parish and chaplain-spiritual director of the Sisters of Providence. This unique structure was dedicated on November 7, 1844, to the Mother of God's Assumption into Heaven.

During the building of the new church, the parish marked another milestone. Shortly after being assigned as first pastor, Father Buteux had the services of Brother Joseph, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, who taught village children in the original church building. Brother Joseph joined his religious community and Mother Theodore agreed to assign one of her few companions to take over educational activities for the villagers. She wrote to her former French superior, Mother Mary:

In a month we will open a school for the little girls of our woods, and just now while I am writing to you, a Catholic mother is begging me to take the boys. I do not know what the Sisters and His Lordship (the Bishop) will think of this proposal. I count on putting Sister Ligouri at the head of this little school. She is getting to speak English quite well now.

While no further mention is made of the Village School for over a year in her writings, Mother Theodore did appoint Sister Saint Ligouri as teacher. Her tenure was less than a year, being posted to the mission at St. Francisville. She was succeeded in her Village teaching responsibilities by Sister Saint Francis Xavier, whose own account of early school days is an interesting one:

We have a class of boys; they remain in the little huts, a sketch of which I sent you. I cannot tell you what pleasure I find in giving them rewards. They remind me of my dear children in France. . . . We have a class of poor little girls, one of whom came yesterday. Although born of Catholic parents, she had never heard of God. . . . We have big boys fifteen years of age, who have not yet made their First Communion. . . .

Shall I speak to you of our dear little boys? . . . The other day I was astonished that (one of the boys) knew three answers of his catechism. I asked him if his father or one of our Sisters had taught them to him. . . . "No," he said. I saw my little Simeon (Jarboe) blush (he is the youngest of my pupils). Then I asked him if it were Simeon. "Yes," he replied. . . . Not yet six years old and he is already a catechist. . . .

From 1842 on until the school closed its doors for the last time in 1969 the Sisters of Providence continued to supply the faculty. From its

original location in the church which burned, the Village School was relocated in the basement of the newly constructed Academy building. Assisting Sr. Saint Francis Xavier in 1843 were Sr. Agnes and Sr. Mary Philomene who prepared a First Communion class of nine boys and six girls. It is recorded that some of the boys were "sixteen, eighteen, and nineteen years old" and that the boys made a four-day retreat at the convent. No mention is made that the six girls were required or volunteered to make a similar exercise.

Three years later, Sr. Saint Francis noted that there were then twenty-eight students "at our log house" and she was being assisted by Sr. Joachim and Sr. Michel. It is not known by what name, if any, Father Buteux called the school, but in the 1840's the Sisters were calling it Nazareth. As both Order and Academy grew, Nazareth School was moved from one location to another. In the decade prior to the Civil War, the boys were taught in a separate building near the cemetery, and after the new motherhouse was completed in 1853, Old Providence (the Thralls farmhouse) was used as a day school building.

Because of increasing responsibilities as spiritual director of the Sisters of Providence, Father Corbe resigned as pastor in 1865. During his pastorate, the Terre Haute parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Benedict's were established from the original parish boundaries.

Until Father Meinrad McCarthy, a Benedictine, was appointed as the fourth resident pastor, two fellow Benedictines, Fathers Martin Marty and Fintan Mundwiler, served parish needs. Father McCarthy lived with the Francis Thralls family until a new small frame rectory was constructed. It was located on the property at the rear of the present church building and remained standing, with various additions and alterations, until 1912.

The enrollment at the nearby Sisters' Academy was increasing each academic year and there was need for additional school buildings. The Sisters purchased the grounds on which the second church had been built, having paid Bishop de St. Palais \$600 for the property.

With the rotunda-shaped structure doomed for demolition, Father McCarthy purchased the present parish property from Francis Thralls. The present church building was begun in 1866 and was completed the following year. Illustrating the close relationship between the North Arm and Saint Mary of the Woods Village is the fact that the bricks used in constructing the church originated in North Arm and were hauled over the old dirt road by parish farmers without charge. Dimensions of the new house of worship were 75 feet long by 32 feet wide. A new altar replaced the previous one in 1870 at a cost of \$135. From this new structure, Father McCarthy continued to minister to the religious needs of his parishioners in places like Rockville, Sullivan, and Montezuma.

When Father Eugene McBarron succeeded Father McCarthy in 1871, he recorded that he took over an outstanding debt of \$1008, the bulk of which was owed to the Bishop. Part of the debt was due a generous parishioner, a Mrs. Kearney, who had loaned the sum of \$54 to keep the faith frontier going.

For reasons not recorded, the parish school did not operate in 1869-70 and the new pastor decided that its reopening was a priority. It took him until September, 1872, to accomplish his goal with 40 students enrolled. An interesting entry in his records confirms that the Sisters of Providence had agreed to staff the school again and that enough parish support had been generated that he was able to keep the school "as a free school to be sustained by the Congregation." This was a dream that was soon to be dashed as he later wrote that he "commenced . . . (operating the school) . . . as a subscription school September, 1877." Apparently, the subscriptions were not adequate because Father McBarron had to sell his horse to get necessary funds to keep the school operating. It was during this time that the school was housed in a small frame building near the present Guerin Hall on St. Mary-of-the-Woods College campus where it remained until after the turn of the century.

In a previous parish history, it is noted that four additional rooms were built onto the rectory in 1873.

When he was reassigned elsewhere in 1879, Father McBarron could be proud of reopening the school, enlarging the rectory and decreasing the debt to \$248.

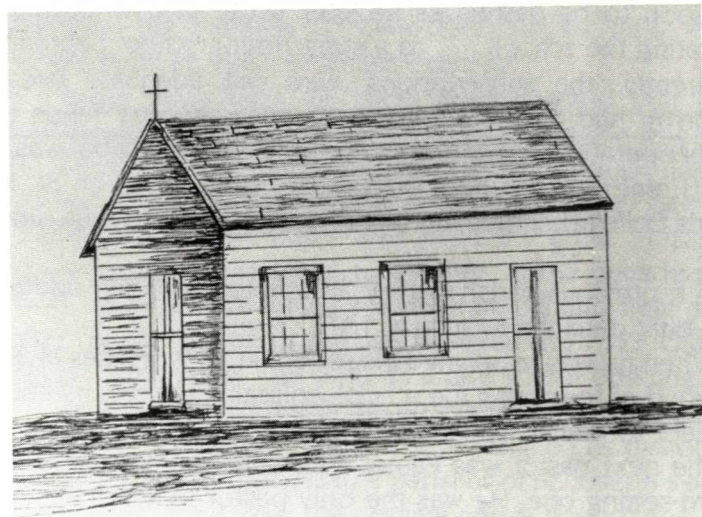
The next pastor was Father Augustine Riehle whose tenure was a record-setting one. He was the only pastor to serve his entire clerical career at the Village and he served longer than any other priest to date. With money being expended elsewhere, there were new concerns during Father Riehle's pastorate. In 1880, he had to put a new roof on the church which cost \$265. Three years later an additional \$145 was needed to keep the church building in good repair. By 1886, the enlarged rectory had another three rooms added at a cost of \$352.

Parish records also note that "the new school" demanded an expense of \$968. This undoubtedly referred to the next to last school building which was located near the present post office in the Village. By this time, boys and girls were being taught in the same building, but segregation of the sexes remained. The schoolhouse was constructed into "two rooms", one for the boys and one for the girls, with the teacher's desk positioned so that she could supervise both sides. While one group could hear the recitations of the other, they could not see each other! A unique feature of the turn-of-the-century school, now called St. John's School, was an organ which was used to teach the children hymns.

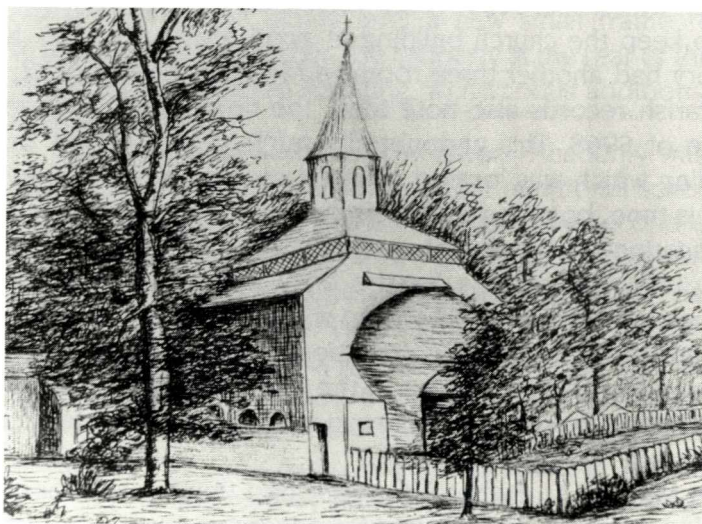
In May, 1907, Father Riehle decided that the interior of the church needed sprucing up. He asked for donations toward the installation of a cork linoleum flooring for the aisles which would only cost \$100 but "will last for years." His assessment of the quality of his improvement proved true. At the same time that he wanted to tile the aisles, he asked that another \$117 be given to carpet the sanctuary in order to "have something nice for our Lord's sanctuary."

His fund-raising and improvement programs are only a small portion of his active pastorate. He succeeded in getting his parishioners in-

OUR PARISH . . . THEN AND NOW



The first church, erected in 1837 and destroyed by fire in 1840.



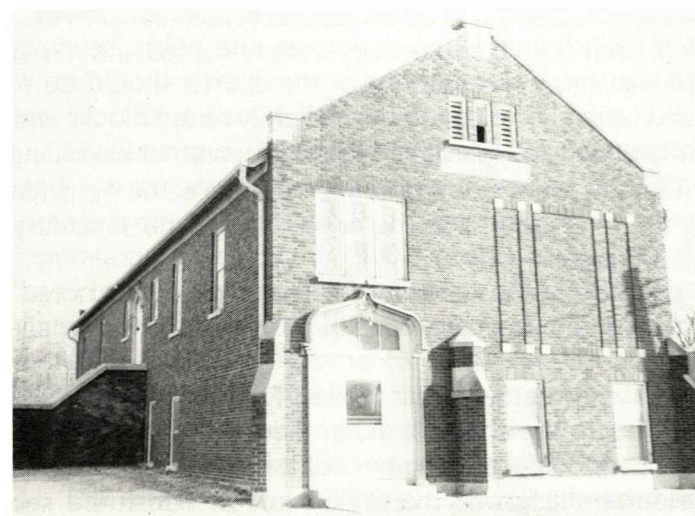
The second church, erected in 1844, four years after the fire. It served until the present building was finished in 1867.



The church interior as it looks today.



The Parish House, formerly the Rectory, now used as living accommodations for sisters and for parish committee meetings.



Saint Mary's School, site of religious education classes and large parish functions.

volved in group activities. The Altar Society (1879), the Young Ladies Sodality (1874, organized by Sr. Gertrude), and the Guardian Angels Sodality (1887) all began under his tutelage. The Holy Name Society was founded in 1920, completing early parish organizations.

Ill health required that Father Riehle resign and Father Clement Thienes succeeded him as pastor. He was responsible for the construction of the present rectory which cost \$3500. He also had the interior of the church redecorated with the former "gothic altars" added which were the gift of the Keegan brothers. His competent pastoral duties resulted in an early appointment to organize a new parish in southwest Terre Haute to be called St. Margaret Mary's. He had been able to reduce an enlarged parish debt to \$1400 before leaving.

Father Edward Hilger who became the eighth pastor in 1918, spent the first several years in redecorating and renovating the church. The most lasting of his pastoral achievements was the building of the present school in 1923. Total cost was \$23,000 of which only \$13,000 remained as a parish debt. Four individual instructional rooms and a large basement hall were the features of the brick building located to the east of the church and rectory. Once again, farmers who were parish members donated their time and wagons to haul gravel from the creek on the Sisters of Providence land which was used in constructing the building.

It was also during his rather brief six years, Father Hilger noted that a record number of 97 families claimed Saint Mary of the Woods as their faith community.

Coming to the Village as its ninth pastor was Father William Boland who set to work to eliminate the parish debt. Ever generous, Depression-hit parishioners continued to support the parish with such constancy that current expenses were met while a new electric organ was installed. Extensive landscaping activities enhanced the grounds around the various parish buildings. In 1935, Father Boland was transferred to Bedford and Father Fintan Walker came to the Village.

The parish community celebrated its centennial in 1937. To mark the occasion, both church and rectory were re-roofed and re-painted. It was decided that the entire interior of the church should be redecorated. Walls and ceiling were covered with lightly tinted blocks and a tile flooring was laid. Specially designed solid oak communion railings and sanctuary furniture were added, as were new electric light fixtures. Completing the renovation was the re-painting of the sanctuary, altars and statues by Eugenia Doyle.

At the time of the centennial celebration, it was noted that during the first one hundred years, 1632 baptisms and 327 marriages had been conducted in the parish.

Father Irvin Mattingly succeeded Father Walker in 1937 and was pastor through World War II. As in the case of all previous and subsequent military conflicts, members of the parish served their country in the various branches of the armed forces. Parish life seemed to be relatively unaffected by the war, however, as there was a constancy in

the number of baptisms and weddings which occurred each of the war years. In 1946, Father William Linsing served the parish until Father Thomas Fields could take up residence. Two years later, he was succeeded by Father Edward Bauer, who would be pastor until 1957. It was during his pastorate that a local disaster resulted in the creation of a community service.

On March 19, 1955, a fire destroyed a two-story residence on Rosary Hill. Built in 1855, it was then occupied by the James Tevlin and Lee McVellis families. No one died in the fire, but the structure burned to the ground. The closest fire department, West Terre Haute, responded to the call, but was delayed by a train. People from the community attempted to quell the blaze as they waited for the fire department to arrive. It was impossible to control the fire and the historic building was lost.

Parishioner George Maher had worked with fire equipment while serving in the army. He collected, salvaged and repaired fire equipment which he then placed on a wooden trailer which he hitched to his car. When a fire broke out, he offered what assistance he could. He realized, however, that the Village was not adequately protected. Together with Father Emile Goossens, the College chaplain, and Paul Kerstiens, he called on the Village community to join together in forming a volunteer fire department. As a result, on July 23, 1955, the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Safety and Fire Protection Association was formed with Maher as Fire Chief. Originally funded by monthly dues and individual donations, the Village fire department is now housed in new facilities located to the east of the school building. Many parishioners continue the tradition of volunteering their services as fire personnel for the community.

Father Bauer was able to eliminate the parish debt before leaving in 1957 to be succeeded by Father Francis Reeves. For several years, the parish was debt free.

During the fifteen years of Father Reeves' pastorate, numerous repairs were made on the several parish structures. The rectory was painted, sided and re-roofed, and a new boiler was needed in 1966. Without a doubt, the most momentuous event during this time was the decision to close the Village School.

Since early in the present century, the annual parish chicken dinner and bazaar was an event eagerly awaited by both parishioners and others from the surrounding communities. Proceeds went to defray operational costs. By the 1960's, however, a group of parents of school-age children decided that a Parents' Association was needed to help finance the increasing educational burden of the parish. This organization also sponsored various fund-raising activities and remained in existence until closed in 1969. The Parents Association, with the help of the Sisters, provided a series of meetings for parishioners to study the changes called for by the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

Unfortunately for the parish school, like so many Catholic educational institutions across the country, the late 1960's saw a diocesan and deanery move to either close or consolidate schools. Even though there

were individual parish members who were willing to donate funds to keep the Village School open. At least temporarily, the decision was made to close. At its heyday, 79 students attended the parish school.

Upon the retirement of Father Reeves, Monsignor James P. Galvin was named administrator of the parish in August, 1972, while still retaining his duties as chaplain of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Later, he would be assigned as chaplain of the Sisters of Providence Motherhouse. His assignment posed a unique challenge to the parish as it would no longer have a resident pastor.

Monsignor Galvin immediately undertook to implement the various changes called for by the Vatican Council. One of the first acts was to form a Parish Council which would replace the Board of Trustees.

A number of meetings were held to discuss and refine possible duties and responsibilities of the council and in the fall of 1973, a constitution and by-laws were formally accepted, effective November 1. The first members were former trustees, an elected group of parishioners and Father Galvin.

The first officers were Laurel Norris, president; James Callahan, vice president; and Mary Arnold, secretary. In accordance with the constitution, seven committees were created to assist the council in its on-going work: finance, education, liturgy, maintenance, social, youth and cemetery.

Currently composed of 15 members, thirteen elected by the parish with Monsignor Galvin and the president of the Parish Women's Club as the remaining two members, the Parish Council has proved to be the vibrant activator of the parish and directs both the physical and spiritual life of the faith community to the present.

Since the parish no longer had a resident pastor, the unoccupied rectory presented a problem to be solved. In cooperation with the Sisters of Providence, it was decided to offer the Sisters the use of the building as a House of Prayer. No longer used for this purpose, the rectory continues to serve as a residence for sisters assigned to either the College or Motherhouse.

With the Village School already closed and Schulte High School closing in 1976, the Education Committee found its duties increasing and the responsibilities greater. It was reconstituted as the Parish Board of Education to plan, implement and oversee the religious education of children, kindergarten through senior high school, adult education and the vacation Bible school. The Board is composed of nine parishioners and current officers are William Maher, president; Mary Helen Klueh, vice president; and Bonnie Warn, secretary. Two of the most recent programs implemented was the successful Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in 1985 and the current participation in the Renew program.

The on-going religious education activities were first in the hands of Sister Beth Kelso and several sisters who assisted her. When their college teaching duties required that they no longer provide these programs, the Board of Education appointed Sister Kathleen Desautels, who with students from the College, continued parish studies. When Sr.

Kathleen was assigned additional duties at the College, she was succeeded in the religious education program by Julie Desiderio who continued in charge until her husband was transferred from the community. Currently serving as parish administrator of religious education is Tony Dubois.

The decade of the 1970's was also marked by other important events. In 1973, the Kerstiens family presented the church with a new carpet for the sanctuary and Anna Regan donated a new electric organ.

The parish joined other deanery groups in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees which was coordinated by Catholic Charities. It was agreed to co-sponsor with the Sisters of Providence the Joseph Hong-Phi Vu family. They were temporarily housed in the school building until a permanent home could be located.

In 1976, the parish helped the nation celebrate its bicentennial with Marcella Evrard, Madonna Hennette, Janet Maher, William Smith, Simon Maher and Paul Kerstiens serving as the committee which planned the special events which included a series of guest lectures and group discussions on national, state and local religious history and contemporary Christianity.

Earlier that year, the parish received \$2000 from an anonymous donor to purchase and install new storm windows for the church. The following year, a special collection resulted in the installation of the public address system. In 1978, the John and Michael Maher families donated new chairs for the parish hall. The John Maher family also provided additional card tables for the hall and John and Eva Caserotti donated carpeting for the aisles of the church in 1979. In the same year contributions from Maher families made possible air-conditioning of the church.

Rounding out the special events of the 1970's, former parishioner Father Theodore Heck, O.S.B., celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood and Father Thomas Carney, M.S.C., a former Motherhouse employee, celebrated his silver anniversary in local ceremonies in 1979.

Also, enhancing liturgical celebrations has been the removal of the altar railing and the active participation of parishioners as lectors, commentators, and ministers of communion.

Throughout the 1970's and 1980's, the parish has sponsored summer vacation Bible school sessions which are well-received by both students and their parents. Another regular event begun in the 1970's are the parish dances, many of them being held on the College campus nearby.

In anticipation of the 1981 Christmas season, John Kahl provided needed additions to the church's speaker system; Harvey Kahl donated new lecterns for the sanctuary; Bob Heck placed a darker finish on the altars; and Laurel Norris put more exterior lighting in the area between the church and rectory. Frances Klueh made new vestments for the holidays.

Work on the floor in the parish hall was undertaken in 1983, with part of the old flooring being removed and new concrete poured.

The continuing vitality of the parish faith community is possible only because of the generosity of those mentioned in the foregoing pages and the unproclaimed goodness of countless others who have donated their time, labor and money.

The Parish Women's Club, formerly known as the Altar Society, continues to play an active part in service to parish and parishioners. Each month on the first Sunday, volunteers serve coffee and doughnuts following Mass. A group of the ladies formed the Saint Mary's Hospitality Committee to provide a meal for family and friends following funerals of parishioners. Recently, a number of new appliances were purchased for the parish hall kitchen by the club. Receptions, parties and other social events sponsored by the club boost parish activity. The Saint Mary's Blue Cross Mission Circle, organized shortly after World War II, continues to make and wrap bandages for the foreign missions. It also holds an annual Christmas dinner and white elephant sale with proceeds going to the missions.

Current officers of the Women's Club are Edythe Norris, president; Margaret Kerstiens, vice president; Mary Beth Wren, secretary; and Karen Baker, treasurer.

Assumption parish of Saint Mary of the Woods Village moves toward the Twenty-First Century, and continues to be a vigorous and vital part of the Christian faith experience. Its more than 400 parishioners and 150 households uphold and carry forward the quest for faith and freedom which their ancestors undertook one hundred and fifty years ago.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Monsignor James P. Galvin
Marcella Evrard
Danny Thralls
Edythe Norris
Paul Kerstiens

PUBLICITY

Frances Maher
Lieselotte Maher
Karen Garzolini

FINANCE

Francis Regan
John Baratto
John Caserotti
Bill Marrs
Donna Marrs
Msgr. Galvin

INVITATIONS

Sue Heck
Madonna Hennette
Bob Curley
Patty Curley
Lillian Stultz

HOSPITALITY

John Arnold
Louise Arnold
Edythe Norris
Marie Garzolini
Tina Maher

YOUTH

Danny Thralls
Sheila Stultz
Karen Maher
Kim Dubois
Greg Smith
Doug Marrs
Cheryl Engles
Sally Rice
Edie Breneman

MAINTENANCE

Laurel Norris
Henry Caserotti
Harvey Kahl
James Wittenauer

LITURGY

Rose Marie Meehan
Madonna Hennette
Diane Wittenauer
Margaret Kerstiens

SPECIAL EVENTS

Paul Pike
Emily Pike
Don Garzolini
Nancy Garzolini
Gerry Thais
Bea Thais
Tony Dubois
Linda Dubois

PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ENTERED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Sister Marion Celeste, Madelein Bisch, S.P.
 Sister Pauline, Jane Bodine, S.P.
 Sister Elizabeth, Florence Busch, S.P.
 Sister Theresa Mary, Mary Gertrude Butler, S.P.
 Sister St. Thomas, Mary Daly, S.P.
 Sister Hermine, Agnes Heck, S.P.
 Sister Celine Therese, Elizabeth Heck, S.P.
 Sister Imelda, Margaret Mary Lee, S.P.
 Sister Mary Edward, Ellen Regina Michaels, S.P.
 Sister Mary Constantia, Margaret Michaels, S.P.
 Sister Alodia, Agnes Mooter, S.P.
 Sister Esther, Catherine Newport, S.P.
 Sister Eleanore, Mary Nichols, S.P.
 Sister Magdalen de Pazzi, Josephine Powers, S.P.
 Sister Isidore, Mary Thralls, S.P.
 Father Thomas Carney, M.S.C.
 Father Theodore Heck, O.S.B.

SISTERS WHO HAVE TAUGHT IN VILLAGE SCHOOL

1883-1884	Sr. Mary Thomas	1937-1938	Sr. Raphael
1887-1894		1938-1938	Sr. Catherine Louise
1884-1886	Sr. Mary Magdalen	1939-1940	Sr. Bernadette
1895-1896	Sr. Mary Eudocia	1939-1940	Sr. Mary Davidica
1898-1900		1940-1941	Sr. Joseph Clare
1904-1905		1941-1942	Sr. Catherine Aloysius
1907-1909		1942-1943	Sr. Francis Henry
1896-1897	Sr. Mary Celestine	1945-1946	Sr. Mary Alexis
1901-1902		1945-1946	Sr. Marie Daniel
1897-1898	Sr. Clarissa	1946-1947	Sr. Marie Constance
1902-1904	Sr. Ann Joseph	1946-1947	Sr. Judith
1905-1907	Sr. Vitaline	1946-1947	Sr. John Marie
1910-1914	Sr. Marie Joseph	1947-1948	Sr. Marie Genevieve
1914-1915	Sr. Mary Esther	1947-1948	Sr. Mary Josita
1916-1919		1948-1951	Sr. Rose Clare
1912-1913	Sr. Mary Canisuis	1948-1950	Sr. Margaret Eileen
1914-1916		1950-1952	Sr. Ellen Joseph
1913-1914	Sr. Providence	1951-1952	Sr. Mary Agnes
1915-1916	Sr. Dominic	1952-1955	Sr. Ann Kathleen
1919-1921		1952-1953	Sr. Virginia Ann
1916-1919	Sr. St. Michael	1953-1954	Sr. Ann Gerard
1919-1920	Sr. Gemma	1954-1955	Sr. Mary Charlene
1920-1921	Sr. Anna Martina	1955-1956	Sr. Charles Marie
1922-1926	Sr. Winifred	1960-1961	
1922-1924	Sr. St. Benedict	1955-1956	Sr. Mary Matthew
1924-1928	Sr. Clara	1956-1960	Sr. Miriam Patrice
1929-1932		1956-1957	Sr. Mary Rose
1925-1929	Sr. Mary Angelina	1956-1957	Sr. Marie Caroline
1926-1927	Sr. Mary Emeline	1957-1958	Sr. Marie Louis
1927-1928	Sr. Theresa Mary	1957-1958	Sr. Dorothy Alice
1928-1929	Sr. Mary Clarissa	1958-1959	Sr. Marie Martin
1928-1929	Sr. Modesta	1958-1959	Sr. Mary Michele
1929-1931	Sr. M. Anastasia	1959-1960	Sr. Ann Charlene
1929-1930	Sr. Basil	1959-1960	Sr. Gertruda
1930-1931	Sr. Rosina	1960-1961	Sr. Mary Brigid
1931-1932	Sr. Mary Dorothy	1960-1961	Sr. Lucille Margaret
1931-1932	Sr. Maureen	1961-1963	Sr. Marilyn Theresa
1932-1933	Sr. Inez Marie	1961-1962	Sr. Dolores Theresa
1932-1933	Sr. Claudia	1961-1962	Sr. Sheila Mary
1932-1945	Sr. Eleanor	1962-1963	Sr. Nicholas
1933-1934	Sr. Mary Immaculete	1963-1964	Sr. Bernadine
1933-1934	Sr. Thomasine	1964-1968	Sr. Agnes Loyola
1934-1935	Sr. Marcella	1968-	Sr. Marie Arthur
1934-1935	Sr. Patricia Ann	1968-	Sr. John Margaret
1935-1936	Sr. Mary Regina	1968-	Sr. Marcia Ann
1936-1937	Sr. Margaret Alcaque	1968-	Sr. Jolene
1936-1937	Sr. M. Gilbert	1968-	Sr. Joseph Patrick
1937-1938	Sr. Mary Theodora		

Register of Parishioners

Arnold, John E. Jr. and Mary Frances	Bryant, Sam and Kay Jefferey
Arnold, John E. III and Louise	Callahan, James and Florence Bridget Johnna Erin
Arnold, Mark and Susan Mark J. Joseph Jennifer	Callahan, Michael C. and Mary E.
Baker, Karen M. Jennifer	Callahan, Paul and Georgianna
Baratto, John A.	Caserotti, Henry and Florence
Bellessa, Louise	Caserotti, John and Eva
Berger, Michael and Mary Jane Michael Peter Christine	Checha, Emma
Biddle, Frances T.	Cordak, Jean
Biddle, Marguerite	Cowdrey, Donald and Shirley Nicole Elkins Wade Elkins
Bird, Lena	Cummins, Charlie and Carol
Bird, Philip	Curley, Joseph and Beverly
Bolton, Robert M. Richard M.	Curley, Robert J. and Patricia
Booth, Melvin and Karen Rae Ann Melvin	Curley, Thomas A.
Bozack, Grace L.	Dubois, Paul A. and Linda Daniel Denise Kimberly
Bozack, John C. John T.	Edwards, Raymond and Janice Melissa Kimberly
Breneman, Matthew J. and Edith Sarah E. Ryan M.	Ellingsworth, Jerome and Teresa
Brooks, Richard and Debra Andrew Alexander	Emrick, Pamela Erica Lee
	Engles, Paul and Marie Cheryl Sandra

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Evrard, Marcella	Helman, Michael and Susan Michael J. Melissa
Fischer, Bernard F. and Margaret	Hennette, John and Madonna
Franzwa, Elmore H.	Heyen, Ronald and Maria
Frey, Marianne E.	Holbert, James and Linda James E. Matthew Sara
Fulmer, Edward and Lorena Anna Rose	Hunter, Robert and Eleanor
Garzolini, Bruno, Jr. and Karen Justin Sean	Jackson, Dale E. and Laura Rebecca Sarah
Garzolini, Bruno Sr. and Marie	Johnson, Robert Crystal Burris
Garzolini, Donald and Nancy Deno Katrina	Joy, Dirk L. and Becky Dirk, Jr. Dustin
Garzolini, Gary and Jan Chad Staci	Kahl, Harvey S. and Patricia Stephanie David
Garzolini, Robert and Toni Clifford M. Talia M.	Kahl, John H. and Dorothy
Gonski, Edmund and Dorothy	Kane, Daniel and Carolyn Christopher Stephen Susan Beth
Gottemoller, Mary Louise	Kane, Robert P. and Patricia Patrick James J. Justin
Gutreuter, Edward A. and Mary F. Wade M.	Kerstiens, Paul A. and Margaret
Hayes, Donald F. & Mary Christine Elizabeth A.	Klueh, Frances
Heck, John J. and Sue B. Otto Carl Glen	
Heck, Louis and Mary	

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Klueh, Leon and Mary Helen
Kevin
Kenneth

Kwilosz, Andrew and Antonia

Lane, Ernie and Billie Jo.
Christinia

Lane, Samuel and Susan
Jason Williams
Chad Williams
Carrie Williams

Lawson, Thelma

Lydick, James and Elizabeth
Jenna
Trey

Macak, Gerald and Cheryl

Maher, Edwin Jr. and Rhonda
Edwin A. III
Amanda

Maher, Edwin Sr. and Margaret Ann

Maher, Frances D.

Maher, George and Rita

Maher, James G. and Sue
James G. Jr.
Megan

Maher, Joseph and Maxine

Maher, Kevin and Diane

Maher, Michael and Lieselotte
Andreas
Tanya

Maher, Norma V.

Maher, Roger and Janet

Maher, Simon and Margaret
Michael

Maher, Stephen and Kathy
Nickelle

Maher, Thomas J. and Joetta

Maher, Thomas R. and Marcia
Karen
Sherrie
Thomas R. Jr.

Maher, Timothy and Faith

Maher, William and Tina
Laura
Darren

Marion, Maynard and Carol
Analiza
Timothy
Leonard

Marrs, Elsie

Marrs, John and Carolyn
Steven
Sheila
Greg
Angela
Doug
Randy
Gloria
Matthew

Marrs, William and Donna
William II
Brandon
Brian

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Kevin
Kenneth

Meehan, Thomas and Rose Marie
Thomas
John M.
Daniel

Moore, Thomas and Nancy
Ashley
Brandon

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Morosin, Lena

Murphy, Evelyn

McKinney, James and Hazel
Daniel

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Thomas, Jr.

Norris, Bernadette

Norris, Laurel K. and Edythe

Ozok, John and Mary

Pickrell, Marie

Polky, Kenneth and Donna
Christopher
Alexander

Pike, Paul and Emily

Porter, Terry and Mary J.
Elizabeth

Raley, Virginia
Michelle
Robert

Regan, Francis

Rice, Herman F. and Sally
Frank
Shannon

Richey, Jesse and Roseann
Jamison
Allison

Rogers, William and Teresa
Heather
William

Rohrbach, Gene and Barbara
Scott

Roth, Gary and Janet
Terry
Dennis

Savoree, Sadie

Shacklee, Cecil J.

Smith, Harold and Ann

Smith, William L. and Geraldine
Gregory
Theresa

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Stafford, Jody and Kelly
Nicole
Jaclyn

Stephens, Helen

Stevens, Mary F.

Stoffel, Mark and Judith
Susan
Sara
Kathy

Stultz, David & Sheila
Amanda
Rebecca
Sarah

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Bryan Kelscheimer
Robin Kelscheimer
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Zachary
Isaiah

Thralls, Sarah F.

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Thompson, Clifford and Jane

Thais, Gerald & Beatrice
Stephen
Christina

Thiel, Francis and Rose
John C.

Thiel, Lawrence and Sheila
Tina
Gregory
Mathew

Thiel, Michael A.

Tonetti, Cecelia A.

Umpries, Roger and Mary
Joseph
Andrew

Vaira, Benjamin and Margaret
Tina
Lisa
Amy

Vermillion, James and Georgianna
Richard
Joseph

Vermillion, John R. and Mary

Vinardi, Larry and Judy
Kristen
Kevin
Keith
Kara
Kyle

Vu, Joseph and Therese
Annete
Cathy
Dominic
Mary
Peter
Francis
Martha
Lazaro
Veronica
Monica

Warn, Robert and Bonnie
Brian
Bradley
Barry

Weddle, Dennis and Cynthia
April Michelle

Weir, Judith, K.
Deanna
Kristen

Whallon, Ennis and Mary A.
John A.

Wineinger, Riley and Virginia
William
Steven

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Debra L.

Wittenauer, James and Diane
Pam
Tim
Kent

Wren, Bernadette C.
Jacqueline

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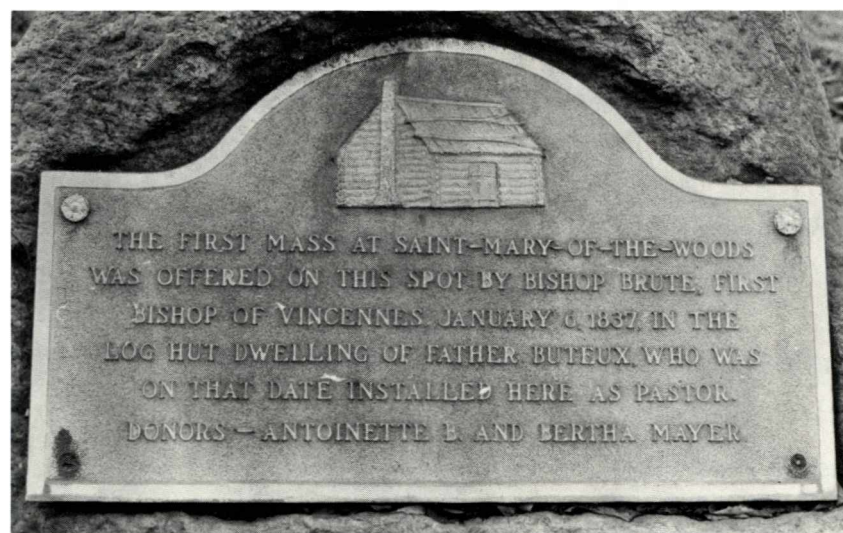


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Request the honor of your presence
at the
One Hundred Fiftieth
Anniversary Celebration
of founding of the parish
Sunday, the Fifth of April
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven*

*Liturgy — The Church of The Immaculate Conception Four O'Clock
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
Reception — Providence Hall Five to Six O'Clock*

IN COMMEMORATION

Parishioners gathered at the site of the first Mass on January 6, 1987, the 150th anniversary of that celebration, led by Msgr. James Galvin. The site is marked by a plaque that reads, "The first Mass at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods was offered on this spot by Bishop Brute, first bishop of Vincennes, January 6, 1837, in the log hut dwelling of Father Buteux who was on that date installed here as pastor. Donors--Antoinette and Bertha Mayer."



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SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS PARISH CENTENNIAL



JUNE 6, 1937

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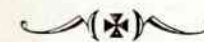
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Indiana



by

Fintan G. Walker, Ph.D.



June 6, 1937

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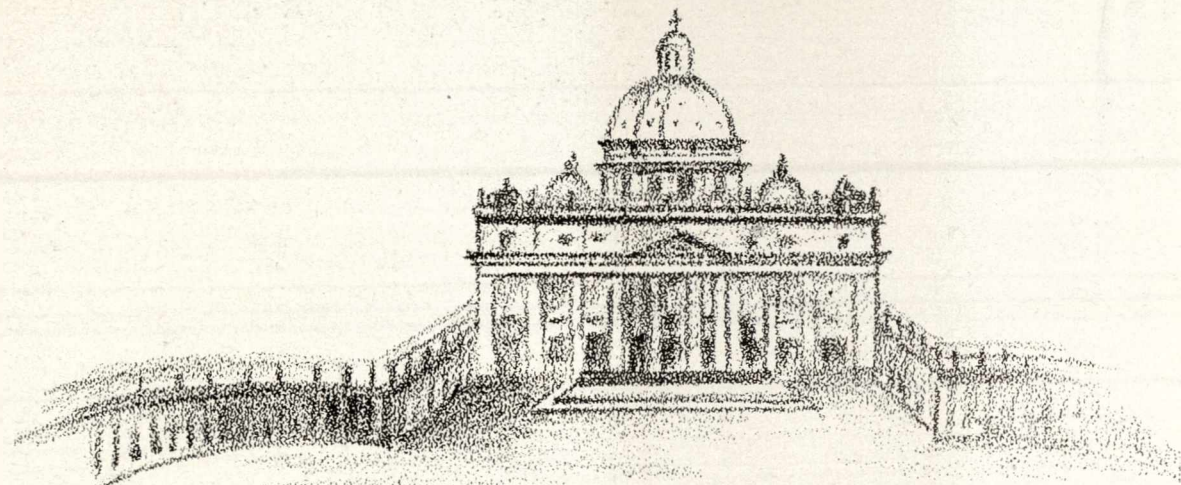
" . . . And in this day be not
Wholly forgot
They that made possible but shall not see
Our solemn jubilee . . ."
—Francis Thompson, *Ode to Peace*.

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To the Pastors, Sisters, and Parishioners,
who have served the
Parish of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
during its century of life.

" . . . I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flieth: and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling: and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine, and mine know me. As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. . . ." *John X, 11-16.*





Popes of the Century

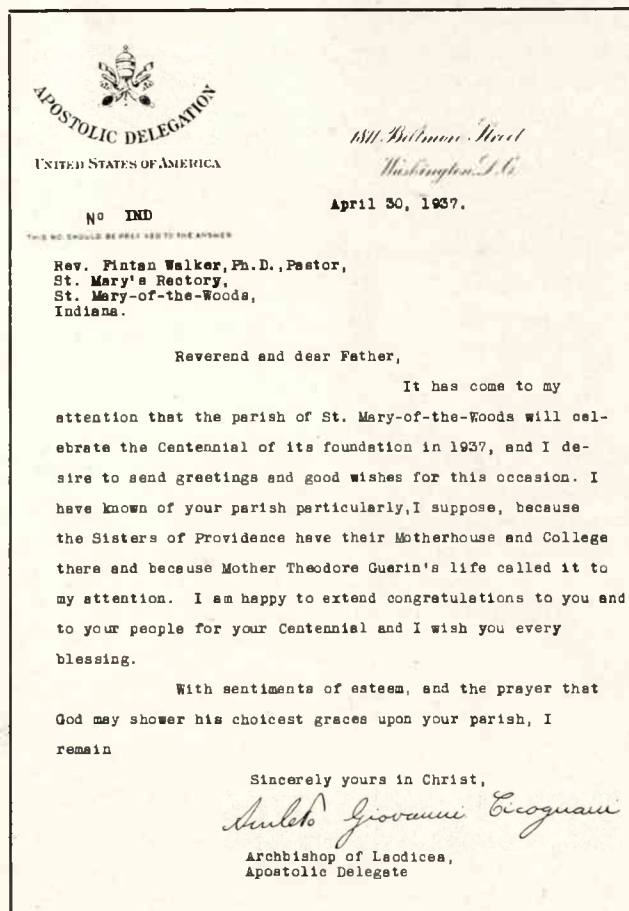
GREGORY XVI

1830-1846. *Prophecy: *De balneis Etruriae* "from Balnea in Etruria." The prophecy refers to the fact of Pope Gregory's birth in Etruria.

PIUS IX

1846-1878, *Crux de cruce* "Cross from a Cross," was persecuted and deprived of his power by King Victor Emmanuel, whose flag bears the cross of Savoy.

*The prophecies of St. Malachy come down to us from the year 1139. They are attributed to Malachy O'Morgain, at that time Archbishop of Armagh. Although there is no obligation to believe them, yet it is to be noted with what singular accuracy the individual prophecy describes the Pope's reign with which it is associated.



LEO XIII

1878-1903, *Lumen de Coelo* "light from Heaven," was universally recognized as the most brilliant diplomat and enlightened statesman of his time.

PIUS X

1903-1914, *Ignis ardens* "burning fire," was the prince of ecclesiastical reformers and accomplished as many reforms in ten years as did any other Pope in the whole history of the papacy.

BENEDICT XV

1914-1922, *Religio depopulata* "religion laid waste." Considering the frightful destruction of renowned Cathedrals and the havoc of the World War generally, one could hardly find two words, *religio depopulata*, which more graphically describe the chief note of his reign.

Notable Encyclicals:

The Christian Education of Youth (1929)

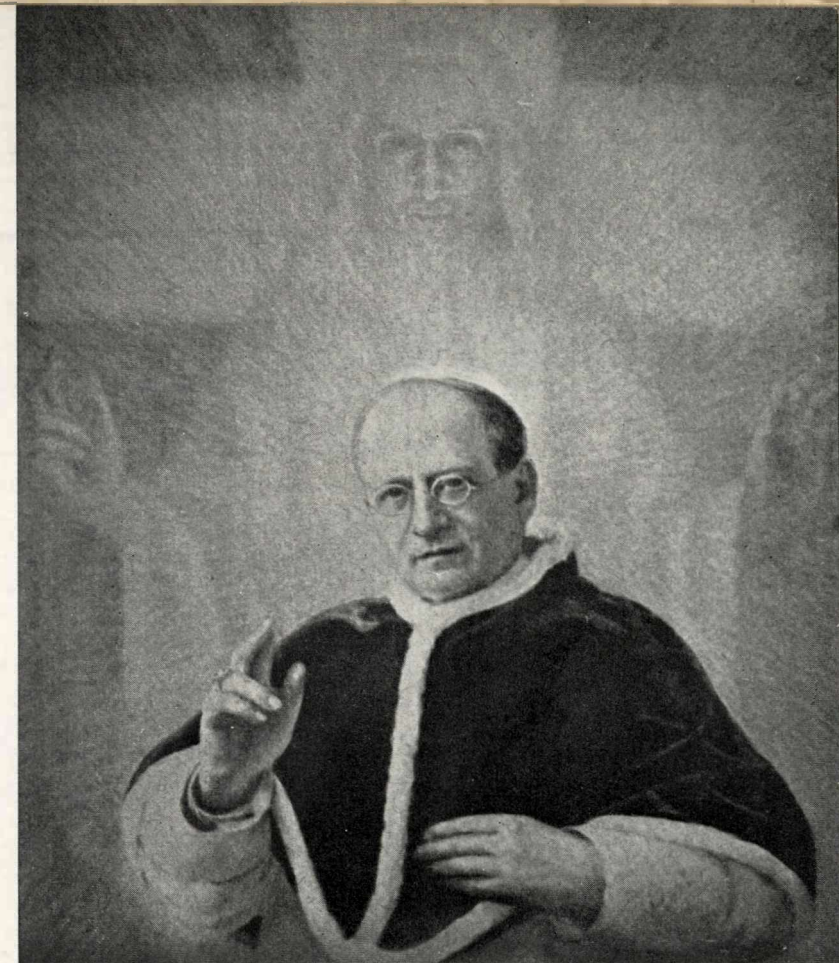
Christian Marriage (1930)

Reconstructing the Social Order (1931)

The Catholic Priesthood (1936)

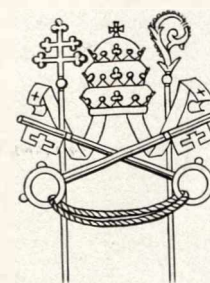
Motion Pictures (1936)

Atheistic Communism (1937)



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI

1922- *Fides intrepida* "intrepid faith," literally describes the undaunted courage and clear teaching of Pius XI. His is the work to prepare the way for the next Pope whose reign will fulfill the words, *Pastor angelicus*, "angelic Pastor," or Pastor of peace.



1937, June 4 AM 11:07
Via Mackay Radio—Citta Vaticano 4 1400
Rev. F. G. Walker:

St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.
*Augustus Pontifex istius paroeciae saecularia sollemnia
Apostolica Benedictione cuncti boni faurice laetificat.*
CARDINAL PACELLI.*

*TRANSLATION
The Supreme Pontiff, rejoicing in the solemn celebration of the Centennial of the Parish of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and wishing it every good, bestows upon all parishioners the favor of His Apostolic Blessing.
CARDINAL PACELLI, Secretary of State



Bishops of the Century*

I. The Most Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté, born in Rennes, France, March 20, 1779. Consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, October 28, 1834, died at Vincennes, June 26, 1839.

II. The Most Reverend Celestine de la Hailandière, born in Cambourg, France, May 3, 1798. Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Vincennes, May 17, 1839. Resigned July 16, 1847. Died in France May 1, 1882.

III. The Most Reverend John Stephen Bazin, born in Duerne, France, October 15, 1796. Consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, October 24, 1847. Died at Vincennes April 23, 1848.

IV. The Most Reverend Maurice de St. Palais,

Diocese of Indianapolis



Office of the Bishop

*128 West Georgia Street
Indianapolis*

April 20, 1937

Dear Father Walker:

The Centennial of the Parish of Saint Mary of the Woods should be a matter of great satisfaction to you and your devoted people. That the torch of faith has been handed from generation to generation through a period of one hundred years in a Parish of our Diocese is an honor in which I am happy to share. With my special blessing to you and each one of your loyal flock, I am

With kindest regards,

Devotedly yours,

Joseph E. Ritter
Bishop of Indianapolis.

Rev. Fintan Walker, Ph.D.

St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana.

born in La Salvétat, France, November 15, 1811. Consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, January 14, 1849. Died at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, June 28, 1877.

V. The Most Reverend Silas Marean Chatard, born in Baltimore, Maryland, December 13, 1878. Consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, in Rome, May 12, 1878. First Bishop of Indianapolis, March 23, 1898. Died at Indianapolis, September 7, 1918.

VI. The Most Reverend Joseph Chartrand, born in Saint Louis, Missouri, May 11, 1870. Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Indianapolis, September 15, 1910. Died at Indianapolis, December 8, 1933.



THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH ELMER RITTER, D.D., born in New Albany, Indiana, July 20, 1892. Ordained priest May 30, 1917. Consecrated Titular Bishop of Hippo, March 28, 1933; appointed Bishop of Indianapolis, March 24, 1934.

* Year Book 1936, Diocese of Indianapolis

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May 11, 1937

Rev. Fintan Walker, Ph. D.,
Saint Mary's Rectory,
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

My dear Doctor Walker:

Nothing would be more amusing to you than to have me, out here in the effete East, write to you as if you were somewhere out there in the American frontier. And yet it is the frontier and all that its history implies that has been in my mind since receiving your esteemed letter.

Centenaries are coming thick and fast upon the Mother Church these days....

Your own centenary has only one drawback from the historical viewpoint. None are left who can tell you of those early days in 1837, when the parish itself was begun. But, its very name is redolent of the frontier-- Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The earliest pages of Mother Guerin's life tell of frontier conditions -- and that was three years after the parish was begun-- which should have frightened that first group of Sisters of Providence so thoroughly that their sole thought should have been to return as quickly as possible to France.

I think that first day of the Sisters one of the most dramatic in all religious history -- "Suddenly we stopped in the midst of a dense forest. It was growing dark.... We had arrived. We were perfectly silent. . . . Imagine our astonishment upon finding ourselves still in the midst of the forest, no village, not even a house in sight." But, keep this in mind -- it was the frontier in all its terrible loneliness, and yet four postulants awaited their coming!

....Your parish can never be separated from the glorious victory over primitive conditions these first nuns won and won gloriously.

You yourself in your Catholic Church in the Meeting of Two Frontiers have caught the real inner meaning of the conquest our priests, nuns and people made for the Blessed Christ in surroundings and in conditions that would have frightened anyone who lacked the supernatural grace to found and build for the Church of God.

I do not wish to prolong this letter of congratulation on your parish centenary. But let me say just this -- we priests can never, no matter with what eloquence God has given us, fully and completely tell our people -- our good Catholic men and women -- how profoundly grateful we are and always will be for their constant support. They have given us of their time, of the products of their farms, of their money, in order that the Cause of Christ conquer in a land that is fast becoming pagan. To them goes the glory of whatever victory has come to that Cause. To them goes our heartfelt thanks for the success we have so far attained.

God bless you and your parish. God be with all your flock, and may He have mercy on the souls of those who have done their duty in the past and now rest in eternal repose.

Faithfully your friend in Xto.,

Peter Guilday

PETER GUILDAY *

* Right Reverend Peter Guilday, Ph.D., J.U.D., Head of the Department of Church History,
The Catholic University of America.



*Faithfully yours
Father Walker*

REVEREND FINTAN GLENN WALKER, PH.D., born February 17, 1896, Loogootee, Indiana; ordained to the priesthood, May 17, 1921; Doctor of Philosophy, the Catholic University of America, December 4, 1934. Pastor of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Associate Professor of Philosophy, the College of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, June 6, 1935.

The Prayers and Gratitude of the People of Saint Mary's Parish Accompany the Priests Who Labored for Them Through the Century

1. Reverend Stanislaus Buteux, a native of France, first Pastor of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 1837-1841. Died in Boston, Massachusetts, 1875.

2. Reverend Anthony Parret, Pastor 1841-1842. Joined the Society of Jesus in 1844. Died in the plague of yellow fever in the South.

3. Reverend John Corbe, Pastor 1842-1865. Spiritual director of the Sisters of Providence 1865 until his death in 1872. His body is buried in the cemetery of the Sisters of Providence.

4. The Benedictine Fathers, Reverend Martin Marty, O.S.B., first Abbot of Saint Meinrad, 1871, and Bishop of Sioux Falls, North Dakota, 1889, and Reverend Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., second Abbot of Saint Meinrad Abbey visited Saint Mary's during 1865. In 1866 the Reverend

Signatures of Pastors*

*P. Fintan Mundwiler
O.S.B.*

*fr. Meinrad Mary McCarthy
O.S.B.
Pastor of St. Mary's.*

*Eugene J. McBarron
Pastor of St. Mary's*

A. Riehle

Clement Thienes

Edward T. Hilger

W.V. Boland

* Signatures of Fathers Buteux, Parret, and Corbe appear on ensuing records.

Meinrad Mary McCarthy, O.S.B., became Pastor. He remained until 1871.

5. Reverend Eugene McBarron, Pastor from 1871 until 1879, when he was appointed Pastor of the Assumption, Evansville.

6. Reverend Augustine Riehle, Pastor from 1879 to 1912. Resigned because of ill health. Died in 1916.

7. Reverend Clement Thienes, Pastor from 1912 to 1918. Pastor of Saint Ann's Church, Terre Haute, since 1933. Rural Dean, May 20, 1937.

8. Reverend Edward Hilger, Pastor from 1918 to 1924. Now Pastor of Saint Michael's Church, Cannelton.

9. Reverend William Boland, Pastor from 1924 to 1935. Pastor of Saint Vincent's Church, Bedford.

The Parish of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

THE HISTORY of Catholicity in Vigo County dates from 1837. In a letter of that year, January sixth, Bishop Bruté, first Bishop of Vincennes, informs the Leopoldine Society of Vienna, Austria, that "Terre Haute and the region near Paris in the State of Illinois are assigned to Father Buteux."¹ The pastor's residence was designated as Thralls Station, four miles west of the thriving village of Terre Haute, which in 1837 had just reached its majority of twenty-one years with a population of fourteen hundred.

It was not unfitting that the first pastor of this vast territory, including Vigo and adjoining counties with the eastern part of Illinois, should have been of French birth. For the early French explorers had left their trace in the very name of the land that was to become the site of western Indiana's most thriving city. Terre Haute literally signifies "high earth" or the "highlands"—thus had the French called the place.

Located in the central part of the Illinois Country, "the highlands" were enroute for the European travelling from Canada to the Mississippi River. And by the middle of the eighteenth century, the early explorers had found a convenient waterway from Canada by way of Lake Erie, thence by portage to the Saint Joseph River and to the Kankakee, or from the Maumee River to one of the upper branches of the Wabash River. Their exploration had opened up one of the richest valleys of the world. The region charmed its earliest discoverers and colonizers by its "vast natural meadows and trackless forests."²

The beauty and richness of those wooded river banks and of the immense stretches of sunny plains were a continual source of wonder to the explorers and settlers. One of them records: "The touching delicate loveliness of the lesser prairies, so resplendent in brilliancy of hill and beauty of outline, I often dwelt upon with delight."³ The graceful undulation of slope and swell, the

¹ Godecker, Sister Salesia, *Simon Bruté de Remur* (1931), 297.

² Collot, "A Journal in North America," *Illinois State Historical Society Journal*, XII, (1908), 271.

³ Flagg, "The Far West," in *Early Western Travels*, XXVI, 340.

exquisite richness and freshness of the verdure, the gorgeous hills of many-colored flowers, the far-retreating coves, going back in long vistas in the woodland, the curved outline of the dim distant horizon, caught at intervals through the openings of the forest,—all of these constituted a scene in which unrivalled beauty shone forth.⁴

The population of the territory to which Father Buteux was assigned in 1837 was a scattered one of Indians, French, and Irish, with New Englanders, however, predominating in Terre Haute. His first baptism was that of William Henry Newcome, January 12, 1837. Among his early records is one telling of the marriage, in the Church, of Christmas Dagenet, a French Indian, with Ann Isaacs, an Indian, and of the baptism of Mrs. Dagenet and their five children (1840).

The boundaries of the first pastor's jurisdiction included Terre Haute, Brazil, Sullivan, Montezuma, Clinton, Merom, and in Illinois, North Arm of the Grand Prairie, Paris, Coffeetown, and Lawrenceville. The settlement in which he made his home consisted of three or four families living in log huts. This was Thralls Station. Here these families operated a saw mill, a blacksmith shop, and tilled the land. On a site, twelve by twenty-four rods, purchased for fifteen dollars from Joseph Thralls, who with his brothers, Francis and Joseph, owned extensive farmland, Father Buteux erected his small frame church, designated by Bishop Bruté, as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. With Joseph Thralls the pastor made his home. From here he supervised the building of the first Saint Joseph's Church in Terre Haute, 1839-1840, which was a mission station from Saint Mary's until the appointment of its first pastor in 1842.

*Baptisms.**

William Henry Newcome. On the 12th of January, 1837, I have baptized William Henry Newcome, son of John Newcome, God's mother, M^{rs} Elisabeth Newcome.

George Francis Thralls. On the 20th of Jan. 1837, I have baptized George Francis, son of Jacob Thralls, God's mother, Mary Jane Thralls. S. Buteux

⁴ Cf., *ibid.*

* Facsimile of earliest record; other typical ones are on ensuing pages.

Noted for his kindness, his cheerful, frank manners, and his ardent zeal for souls, Father Buteux was a Parisian "with a very brilliant education, who has renounced all that the world offers to flatter and attract the human heart, in order to come and gain souls in an uncivilized land. . . ."⁵

His prospect was not entirely without joy. In his first visit to Father Buteux, Bishop Bruté wrote:

I send you this letter written in the mission station on the banks of the Wabash, seventy miles from Vincennes, where I live in the huts of the Mission Station Thralls, near the city of Terre Haute. I find here very pious Catholic families, especially immigrants, whom I put under the charge of Father Buteux. You would certainly be interested in an exact description of the little log cabin which serves Father Buteux as a home and also a house of prayer; but lest I ramble too far, suffice it to say that his cabin is a perfect resemblance of the holy stable of Bethlehem—all the more so since we hope that from such humble beginnings we may in time expect a great blessing.⁶

But the first parish church of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods was destroyed by fire in February, 1840, and in the midst of the depression, lasting to 1843, which ensued from the panic of 1837, Father Buteux did not find it possible to erect a new church immediately.

Rebuilding seemed to him all the more unwise, because word had come to him that a company of Sisters of Providence from Ruillé, France, was expected to arrive in the autumn to make an establishment at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. It was necessary, therefore, to provide a house for these religious.⁷ In the meantime he held religious services in his log cabin.

Here, on October 22, 1840, Mother Theodore Guérin with her companions, Sisters Basilide, Olympiade, Mary Liguori, Saint Vincent, Mary Xavier, knelt in prayer and laid before God all her hopes and fears and future plans. Describing the event, Mother Theodore wrote in her journal, ". . . we prayed, wept, and thanked Almighty God for past favors and begged His assistance for the future. . . ." The answer to her prayer is seen today in the imposing buildings of the College of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, within the present boundaries of the parish that welcomed the Sisters of Providence on their arrival from France.

Abraham Elisabeth on the 21st of Feb. 1838, the Rev. M^r Bruté has baptized Mary Elisabeth, daughter of James Bodine, & of Abigail Bodine, his wife. The child born on the 19th of Dec. 1837. — God-mother, M^{rs} Brown

⁵ Mother Theodore Guérin, *First Journal* (1840).

⁶ S. Bruté to C. Bruté, January 6, 1837, Godecker, *op. cit.*, 298.

⁷ Mug, Sister Mary Theodosia, *Journals and Letters of Mother Theodore Guérin* (1937), 94.



Monsieur
votre très humble servante
S. S. Théodore

† . . . I cannot tell you what passed within me during the next half hour. I do not know myself, but I was so deeply moved that I could not utter a word. We continued to advance into the thick woods until suddenly Father Buteux stopped the carriage and said, "Come down, Sisters, we have arrived." What was our astonishment to find ourselves still in the midst of the forest, no village, not even a house in sight. Our guide having given orders to the driver, led us down into a ravine, whence we beheld through the trees on the other side a frame house with a stable and some sheds. "There," he said, "is the house where the postulants have a room, and where you will lodge until your house is ready."

We had agreed among ourselves that our first visit would be made to the Blessed Sacrament, and that we would not speak to anyone before having satisfied this longing of our hearts. The priest preceded us and we followed in silence to the church. The Church!! I send you the picture!! Yes, dear friends, that is the dwelling of the God of the Universe, in comparison with which the stables wherein you shelter your cattle are palaces! There it is that every day the Lamb of God is offered up, a sacrifice for the living and the dead . . . *

* Mug, Sister Theodosia, *Journals and Letters of Mother Theodore Guérin*, 60-61

† Translation.

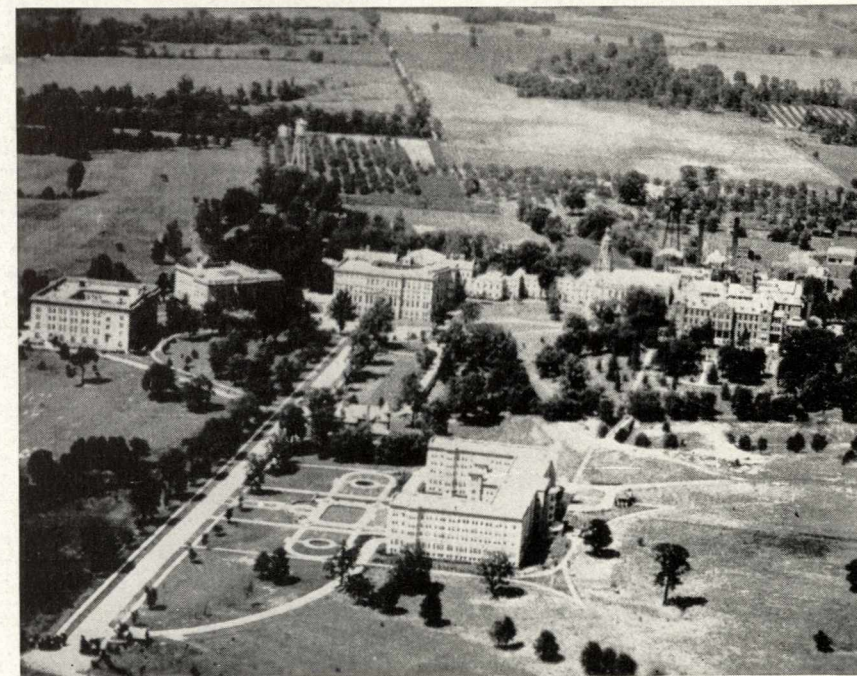
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* Il ne m'est pas possible de vous dire tout ce qui se passa en moi pendant cette demi heure je ne puis m'en rendre compte à moi-même mais j'étais si profondément émue que je ne pourrais parler nous arrivâmes à l'église dans la forêt quand elle fut ayant fait entrer la voiture vint nous voir descendre nous nous sommes arrêtées je nous agenouillâmes sur le sol à peine pourrions-nous tenir sur les genoux quand nous fûmes descendues quel ne fut pas notre étonnement de nous trouver encore au milieu du bois pas une ville pas même une maison, notre guide ayant donné ses ordres au cocher nous fit prendre une petite route et nous vîmes alors à travers les arbres une maison en bois entourée de quelques étables, c'est nous dit-il dans cette ferme que les postulantes ont une chambre et que vous allez loger, en attendant que votre maison soit prête. Il était convenu entre nous que notre première visite se ferait au St. Sacrement et que nous ne parlerions à personne avant d'avoir satisfait ce premier besoin de nos cœurs. Le Père nous mena priant et nous le suivîmes en silence dans l'église dont je vous envoie le dessin. Oui, la voila, mon chère amie la demeure du Dieu de l'univers! la voila cette église en comparaison de laquelle celle où vous logez vos animaux sont des palais! C'est là que tous les jours s'offre en sacrifice l'agneau de Dieu.

* Facsimile of a page of Mother Theodore's Journal.



Aerial View of the College



Le Fer Hall



The Conventual Church

The College of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 1937

Their coming proved in succeeding years to be one of those "great blessings" of which Bishop Bruté had written in his letter of January 6, 1837. Father Buteux labored devotedly to see the community established and "even worked like a common laborer in the building of the Academy."⁸ The Parish school, which had been taught by Brother John, was taken over by the Sisters in 1842.

Father Buteux resigned his pastorate in 1841 and after a sojourn in Louisiana and France he returned to America, settling in Boston, where he died June 14, 1875. During his pastorate at Saint Mary's, he had baptized one hundred nineteen infants and adults and had officiated at twenty-five marriages.

The Reverend Anthony Parret succeeded Father Buteux; his stay was of short duration. Before he could complete plans for the new church, he was appointed (1842) to the pastorate of Saint Simon, Washington, Indiana. Six baptismal records and four marriages bear his signature at Saint Mary's.

Both the Parish and the struggling community of Providence found satisfaction in the appointment by Bishop de la Hailandière of the third pastor, the Reverend John Corbe, "a man without pretensions, prudent, and devoted to his duties."⁹ A native of France, he had made his studies and was ordained priest in the Diocese of Rennes. Born in 1806, he was thirty years of age when he followed Bishop Bruté to the Diocese of Vincennes in 1836. Simultaneous with his appointment as pastor of Saint Mary's Parish in 1842 was that of chaplain and spiritual director of the Sisters of Providence. In 1849 he became Vicar General to Bishop de St. Palais and administrator of the Diocese during the Bishop's absence in Europe in 1852.

To Father Corbe fell the task of erecting the second Parish Church of St. Mary. The following record tells of its completion:

1844. Nov. 7, Feast. Rt. Rev. Celestine de la Hailandière, Bishop of Vincennes, blessed the Church, at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, dedicated to God

*James (mother) On the 25 of Dec. 1839,
Ligonier. I baptised James Franklin,
son of Thos Lightfoot, and
of Margaretta Providence, being
god-mother, Mrs. C. Brown.
The child born on the 14th Jan. 1839
S. Buteux*

*Michael On the 8th of January 1840, I baptise
Ward. Michael, son of Michael Ward, and
of Ann Farlay, his wife. god-mother,
Elisabeth Sheern. The child, about
one week old.
S. Buteux*

⁸ Mother Theodore Guérin, *First Journal* (1840).

⁹ Alerding, *History of the Diocese of Vincennes* (1883), 446.

under the title the Mother of God, by the name of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Attended the ceremony: Messrs. M. E. Shawe, S. Lalumiere, V. Bellier, Stanislaus Buteux, and M. Mullen.

J. Corbe, Pastor ¹⁰

The church was a small brick building modelled on the Pantheon of Rome. The structure had no windows in the walls, and the only light was admitted through small half-circle windows in the dome. Those who remember it describe it as closely resembling a jail.¹¹ Father Corbe resigned his pastorate in 1865, to devote his time to the office of spiritual director of the Sisters of Providence. He died June 3, 1872. In the meantime two other parishes had been established within the original parish boundaries, Saint Joseph's, 1842, and Saint Benedict's, 1865. During his pastorate Father Corbe had baptized two hundred forty-eight and had officiated at forty-three marriages.¹²

In the ensuing years 1865-1866, the Benedictine Fathers from Saint Meinrad Abbey, Reverend Martin Marty and Reverend Fintan Mundwiler, administered to Saint Mary's on missionary visits. The records exhibit Father Fintan's signature upon four baptismal records and one marriage, and the signature of Father Martin under one record of baptism.

The fourth pastor was appointed in 1866—a Benedictine, who had just completed in 1865 the Church of the Annunciation at Brazil, Reverend Meinrad McCarthy. He lived with Francis Thralls until 1868, when a small frame rectory was built. It stood with various additions until 1912 at the rear of the present church. In the meantime to yield room for the rapidly growing Institute

*On the 14th of February 1841, I
received the mutual consent of
John Reynolds & Elisabeth Sheern.
By Parret
priest*

*On the 16th of May 1841, I received
the mutual consent of Thomas
Ragans & of Catharina.
By Parret
priest*

¹⁰ Saint Mary's Parish Archives.

¹¹ Alerding, *op. cit.*, 445.

¹² Saint Mary's Parish Archives.

of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the peculiar structure which had served as a parish church was razed in 1866. The ground, including the site of Guérin Hall and the Chaplain's residence and front grounds, was purchased by the Sisters from Bishop St. Palais for six hundred dollars and upon its site now stands the Conservatory of Music.

The new parish church found its present location on ground donated by Francis Thralls. The bodies buried in the original cemetery, contiguous to the old church, were removed in the course of time to the new cemetery adjoining the new church. On the ground given by Francis Thralls, under the direction of Father Meinrad, was erected the present church, seventy-five feet long by thirty-two feet wide, the third in the history of the parish. A brick structure commenced in 1866, it was completed in 1867. A new altar costing one hundred and thirty-five dollars was installed in the church in 1870. Father Meinrad travelled about the territory a great deal as is evidenced from his record of one hundred twenty-five baptisms and twenty-seven marriages—many of which are of Rockville, Montezuma, Sullivan, and Brazil.

On July 7, 1871, he was succeeded by Father Eugene McBarron. The following note in Father McBarron's account book is of interest:

Debt on the Church when Father Meinrad left in 1871:—
 Due the Rt. Rev. Bishop de St. Palais, money borrowed from him....\$954.00
 Due Mrs. Kearney, money borrowed from her..... 54.00
 Total Church debt when Father McBarron took charge
 of the congregation July, 1871.....\$1008.00

The parish school had been discontinued from 1869-1870. Father McBarron's first interest was directed toward its revival. In September 1872, the school was re-opened with an attendance of forty children. Father McBarron records the fact in his journal: "Parochial school commenced by the Sisters, September, 1872. Kept as a free school to be sustained by the Congregation. Commenced as a subscription school September, 1877." But the first tuition bill

Marie Therise
 Braspier. On the 26th Oct. 1841, I have
 baptised Marie Therise, daughter
 of Thomas Brathas, & of Jeanne
 Marie, his wife. Godfather,
 the undersigned, god-mother,
 St. Theodore Guérin. The child
 born on the 25th October 1841.
 S. Butrus &

in 1877 was met by the sale of the pastor's horse.¹³ In 1873 an addition of four rooms had been built to the parsonage.

In October, 1879, Father Augustine Riehle was sent to Saint Mary's to succeed Father McBarron, who on November 7, 1879, was appointed pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Evansville. During his eight years' pastorate Father McBarron had baptized one hundred sixty and had officiated at thirty-seven marriages. When Father Riehle took charge, the indebtedness on the parish was two hundred forty-eight dollars.

Born in Cincinnati, February 7, 1856, and educated at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Saint Meinrad Seminary, Augustine Riehle was ordained June 15, 1879. Father Riehle had come after his ordination to assist Father Corbe, the Chaplain, whose death occurred the following September. Father Chasse was the first person anointed by Father Riehle. He found in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods his first and only appointment. For more than thirty years, he labored at his post. One hundred fourteen marriages and six hundred baptisms are recorded over his signature. His pastorate is the longest in Saint Mary's century of life.

Means of travel had now become easier with the steady advance of America's population westward. Terre Haute had grown rapidly. Roads were made. Towns and villages increased. In 1852, the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad was built. It later became the Pennsylvania. And in 1854, the Big Four Railroad was laid. The electric railway was to follow much later (1908) to Saint Mary's, but the life of the interurban was to be short. It was discontinued in 1932.

1841, Nov. the 4th feast
 Right Rev. E. Delahais, bishop of
 Vincennes, blessed the church of St. Mary-
 of the Woods dedicated to god under the
 invocation of the Mother of God, by the
 name of, St. Mary: of the Woods. attended
 to the Ceremony M. M. M. L. Shaw,
 J. Salumire P. Belhier, St. Butsing
 and W. Mullen. J. Corbett pastor of St. Mary's

¹³ McBarron, Rev. Eugene, *Journal*, 1877.

*Photostatic copy of dedication of Second Church, 1844.

Various improvements were directed by Father Riehle. In 1880, he re-roofed the Church at a cost of two hundred sixty-five dollars, and in 1883 repairs on the Church necessitated an expenditure of one hundred forty-nine dollars. The rectory required an outlay of three hundred fifty-two dollars in 1886 when three rooms were added to the old structure. And in 1890 the new school created an expense of nine hundred sixty-eight dollars. It was an L-shaped building. Boys occupied one room and the girls, the other, each group invisible to the other with teacher seated at the rostrum at the juncture of the two wings of the building.

In May, 1907, Father Riehle is heard asking for donations toward a cork linoleum for the church aisles, which will cost one hundred dollars but "will last for years," and at the same time he directs a house to house solicitation for funds for the new carpet for the sanctuary to cost one hundred seventeen dollars. "We would like," he says in the Sunday announcement, "to have something nice for our Lord's sanctuary."¹⁴

Some of the more prominent parish societies have the tradition of years behind them. The Altar Society is among the earliest, dating from the first year of Father McBarron's pastorate. The Young Ladies Sodality, organized in 1874, by Sister Gertrude, was canonically erected September 1, 1876. The League of the Sacred Heart was inaugurated in 1887. The Guardian Angels' Sodality was started in 1918, while the Holy Name Society was organized in 1920.

Compelled to resign in 1912 by reason of ill-health, Father Riehle was succeeded by Reverend Clement Thienes in April of that year. Educated at the University of Louvain, Father Thienes was ordained July 16, 1905. Shortly after coming to Saint Mary's he directed the building of the present rectory at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars. The Church was decorated in 1914 and the Gothic altars were installed, the gift of the Keegan brothers, December 20, 1914. When Father Thienes was appointed to organize the new parish of

1887 May 2nd
 J. Baptised Richard Curley son of
 Patrick and of Cath. 8 months old
 by Fr. Mich. Ward
 am W. J. Curley

¹⁴ Announcement Book, 1907.

Saint Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, in 1918, the debt had been reduced to fourteen hundred dollars. He had baptized eighty-five and officiated at the marriages of seventeen couples.

His excellent work at Saint Mary's was continued by Reverend Edward Hilger, who came in 1918 as the eighth pastor. The new Pastor took charge of the parish shortly after the World War had enlisted the power of the United States on the side of the Allies. During 1917 and 1918, twenty-one young men of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods answered the call to the service of their country. They were: William Chrisman, Martin Cosgrove, Bernard Davis, Charles Evrard, Joseph Halliday, Herman Heck, Albert McCauley, John Mulvihill, Charles Mulhearn, John McLaughlin, Daniel Sullivan, Maurice Sullivan, Robert Sullivan, Thomas Starkey, James Mulhearn, Nicholas Wagner, Michael Mulhearn, John Farley, John Curley, Frank Curley, and Otto Heck.

In 1918 the church was veneered with a composition called shamrock and was decorated in 1921. More important, however, there is credited to Father Hilger's zeal the building of Saint Mary's school building in 1923. Completed at a cost of twenty-three thousand dollars, the school presented an indebtedness of fourteen thousand dollars, when in 1924, Father Hilger was appointed pastor of Saint Michael's Church, Cannelton. Marriages during these six years totalled twenty-six and baptisms numbered one hundred forty. In 1920 Saint Mary's reached the number of ninety-seven families, the largest number since the various parishes had cut off its original extensive territory.

The Reverend William Boland was Saint Mary's ninth pastor. Ordained June 6, 1903, Father Boland had done excellent work in various parishes of the Diocese, notably in the erection of the large school building, Saint Simon's, Washington. Among the many projects which he promoted at Saint Mary's were the reduction of the parish debt, the installation of the electric organ, the installation of the furnace in the church, and the beautification of the grounds of the parish property. Thirty-one marriages and one hundred twenty-five baptisms are recorded during his pastorate.

After his promotion to the Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Father Boland was succeeded at Saint Mary's by Reverend Fintan Walker, Ph.D., June 6, 1935. There have been ten marriages and thirty-one baptisms since that date.

In preparation for the Centennial of the parish the church and rectory have been re-roofed at a cost of four hundred fifty dollars, and the buildings have been painted. The interior of the Church has been entirely re-decorated—an

improvement valued at thirty-five hundred dollars. The walls and ceiling are covered with delicately tinted blocks. The flooring is rubber tile. The Communion railing and sanctuary furniture are solid oak of special design. The sanctuary, altars, and statues were painted by Miss Eugenia Doyle. The electric-lighting fixtures were also designed especially for the church.

During one hundred years the parish registers show a total of sixteen hundred thirty-two baptisms and three hundred twenty-seven marriages. The number is not phenomenal; but like most rural communities, Saint Mary's has suffered by her contribution of a steady migration of her population to the industrial centers.

One son of the Parish, Reverend Dr. Theodore Heck, O.S.B., ordained priest May 21, 1929, offered his first Mass in the Parish Church May 26, 1929.

During Saint Mary's life fourteen young ladies of the Parish have made their religious profession as Sisters of Providence. They were:

Sister Theresa Mary, Mary Gertrude Butler
 Sister Marion Celeste, Madelein Bisch
 Sister Esther, Catherine Newport
 Sister Celine Therese, Elizabeth Heck
 Sister Hermine, Agnes Heck
 Sister Elizabeth, Florence Busch
 Sister Magdalen de Pazzi, Josephine Powers
 Sister Imelda, Margaret Mary Lee
 Sister Alodia, Agnes Mooter
 Sister Mary Edward, Ellen Regina Michaels (deceased)
 Sister Mary Constantia, Margaret Michaels (deceased)
 Sister Eleanore, Mary Nichols (deceased)
 Sister St. Thomas, Mary Daly (deceased)
 Sister Isidore, Mary Thralls (deceased)

A history of any parish is at the best unsatisfactory. For the chief work of the Church, the operation of God's grace in individual souls, cannot be charted by man. Certainly the chroniclers of history cannot record it.

It follows that the only facts that come under our observation to form a story of sequence are those of temporal administration. This is only the lesser part of the Church's life in any community. Her chief operation is indicated in the words of the Apostle:

That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend . . . what is the breadth, and length, and heighth, and depth: to know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.¹⁵

The records of man cannot furnish us with the complete story of the triumphs of Divine grace in human hearts. But through her century of ministration of the Divine aids to spiritual life, the Parish of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods glories chiefly in presenting to the world and before the Throne of God many a soul trained and perfected "unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ."¹⁶

¹⁵ *Ephesians*, III, 17-19.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 4,13.



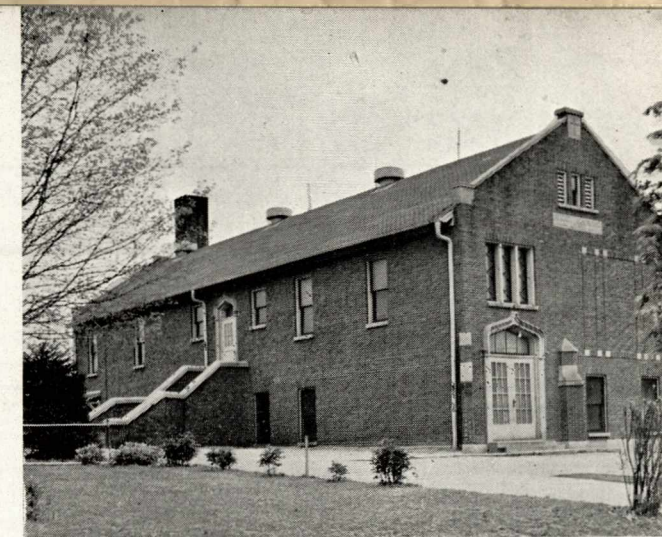
Parish Church, 1840



First Parish School House, 1843



Rectory



School

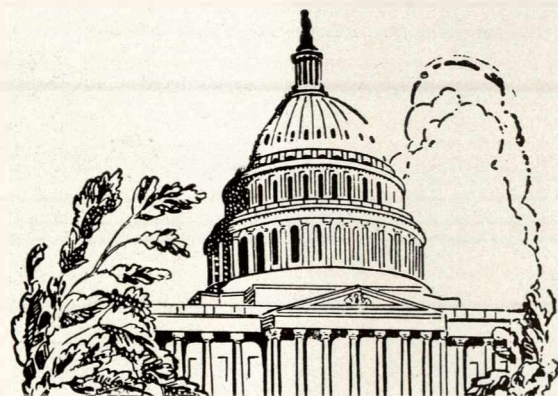


Church Interior



Church

The Parish Property 1937



Presidents of the Century

Martin Van Buren
1837-1841

William Henry Harrison
1841-1845

James K. Polk
1845-1849

Zachary Taylor
1849-1853

Franklin Pierce
1853-1857

James Buchanan
1857-1861

Abraham Lincoln
1861-1865*

Andrew Johnson
1865-1869

Ulysses S. Grant
1869-1877

Rutherford B. Hayes
1877-1881

James A. Garfield
1881-1881*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1937

Dear Dr. Walker:

I have learned with sincere interest that the Parish of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will on June sixth commemorate the centennial of its foundation. This is indeed a notable milestone in the life of a parish which has been such a dominant force in Catholic culture in Vigo and neighboring counties through all these years.

This centennial celebration will afford an excellent vantage point from which to appraise the fruits of the spiritual mission which has resulted from this parish. Notable among those fruits is the College of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, founded within the parish boundaries by Mother Theodore Guerin and her devoted band of Sisters of Providence only three years after the inception of the parish itself. The founders of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods indeed builded better than they knew and all this rich subsequent life flowing from their work finds its true analogy in the parable of the grain of mustard seed.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to send to you and through you to the members of Saint Mary's congregation my hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Reverend Finton Walker, Ph.D.,
Saint Mary's Rectory,
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

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1885-1889

Benjamin Harrison
1889-1893

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1893-1897

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1897-1901*

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1901-1909

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1909-1913

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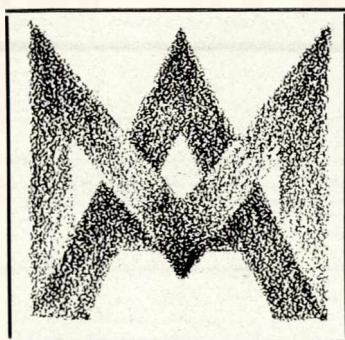
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1923-1929

Herbert Hoover
1929-1933



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Program for the Day June 6, 1937

Religious

Procession—March *Pontificale* Ten thirty o'clock
Blessing of the Church..... Ten forty-five o'clock
The Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, D.D.

Solemn Mass:

Celebrant—Reverend William V. Boland
Deacon—Reverend Clement Thienes
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Master-of-Ceremonies—Reverend Fintan Walker, Ph.D.

Sermon

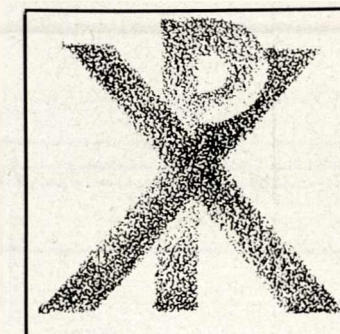
The Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, D.D.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament..... Five o'clock

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Music

March—*Pontificale*
Processional—*Ecce Sacerdos Magnus*..... Stadler
Introit Gregorian
Kyrie *Missa Quarta* Beltjens
Gloria *Missa VIII* Gregorian
Graduale Gregorian
Credo III Gregorian
Offertorium Gregorian
Ave Maria Arcadelt
Sanctus *Missa Quarta* Beltjens
Benedictus *Missa Quarta* Beltjens
Agnus Dei *Missa Quarta* Beltjens
Communio Gregorian
Recessional—*Faith of Our Fathers*..... Montani



Program for the Day June 6, 1937

Social

Home-coming Events

Lunch from twelve to two o'clock.

Quilt Fair afternoon and evening.

Baseball Game—"Dads" vs. "Lads," from two to four o'clock.

Dinner served from five to seven o'clock.

Address by the Honorable John M. Fitzgerald, at seven-thirty o'clock

Social Evening from eight-thirty to eleven o'clock.

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Finale:

On the Banks of the Wabash..... Paul Dresser

At the End of a Perfect Day..... Carrie Jacobs-Bond

Music by the College Band, Saint Joseph's College, Collegeville, Indiana



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Bashe, Charles	Kahl, Robert
Bisch, John	Kelly, Charles
Bisch, Joseph	Klueh, Leon
Bodine, Joseph	Lee, Gerald
Bodine, Max	Maher, August
Callahan, Daniel	Maher, Joseph
Cole, Cyril	Moeller, Richard
Cole, Donald	O'Dwyer, John
Cole, Martin	Rice, Robert
Dunkley, George	Rosimer, John

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Organist

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Schnyder, Julius
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Wren, Maurice

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Maher, Marie
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Organist

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Organist

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Callahan, Mary
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Kahl, Rita
Kelly, Charles
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Maher, Marie
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Mulvihill, Marion



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Mulvihill, Rosemary
Mulvihill, Richard
Powers, Max
Ray, Richard
Rice, Lucille
Rice, Robert
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Sims, Martha
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